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It's time for Elle's boyfriend Kazuki to make his pro debut! If he wins this fight, he gets to take a shot at his rival Ruo. On the flip side, if he loses he gets kicked out of the gym. Though she's against the fight at first, Elle eventually gives in to Kazuki's pure determination. With Elle in Kazuki's corner, winning seems like it's a sure thing—that is, until the rigorous training begins to take its toll on his body. Will Elle's love be enough to get him back on his feet and on the road to victory?

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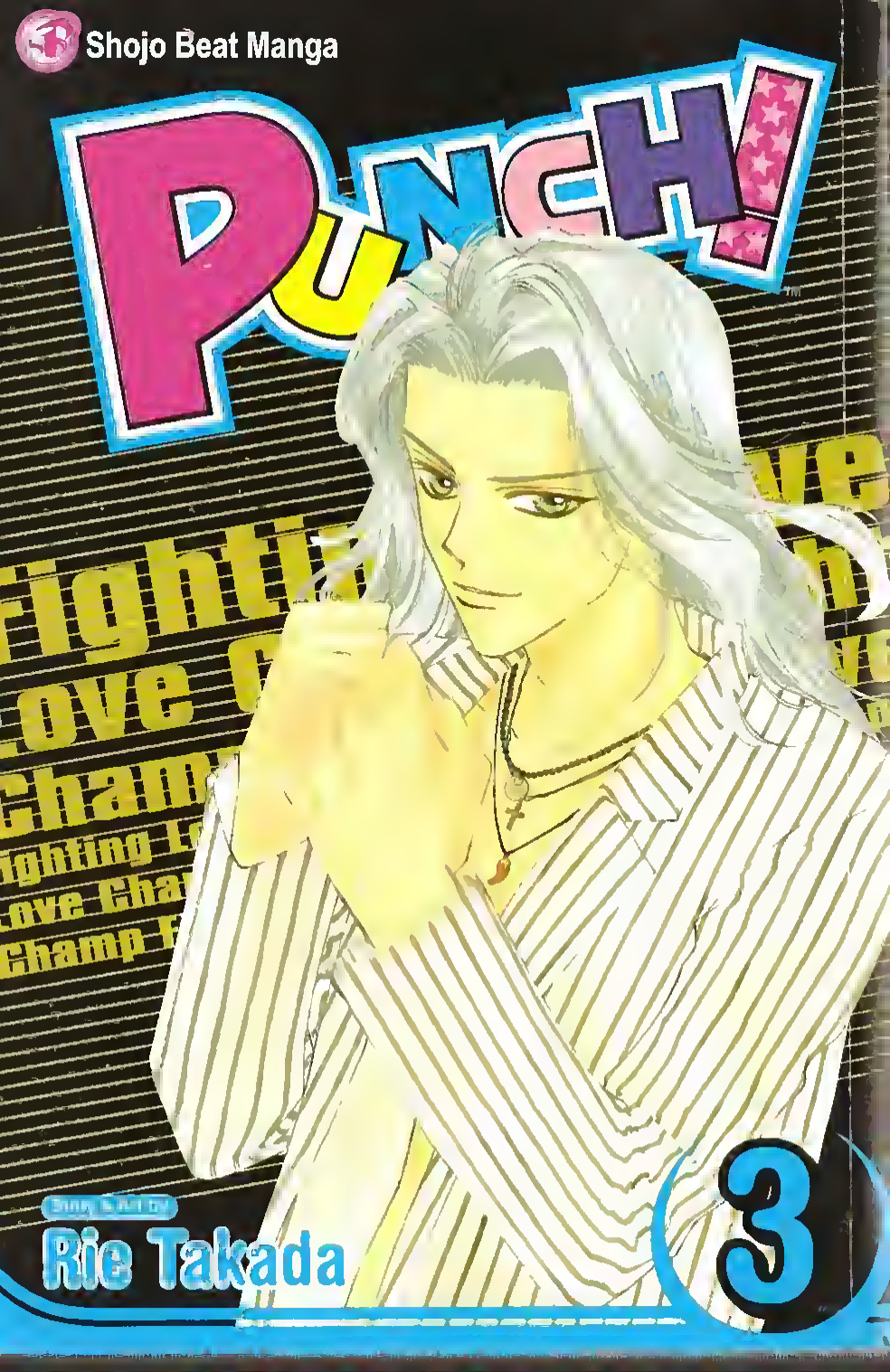

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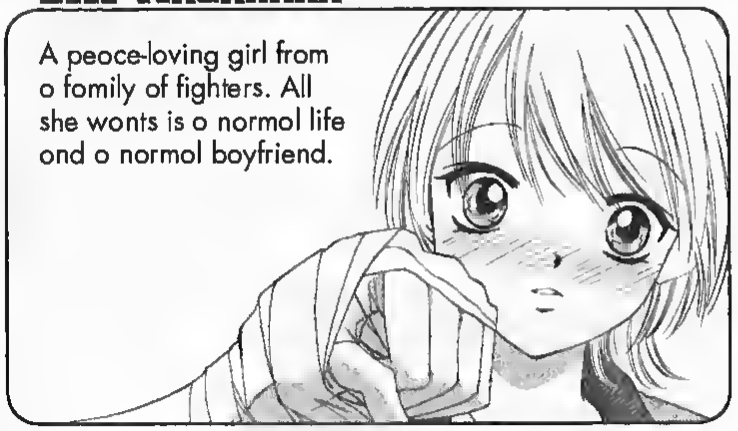
Elle Nagahara

A peoce-loving girl from o fomily of fighters. All she wonts is o normol life ond o normol boyfriend.



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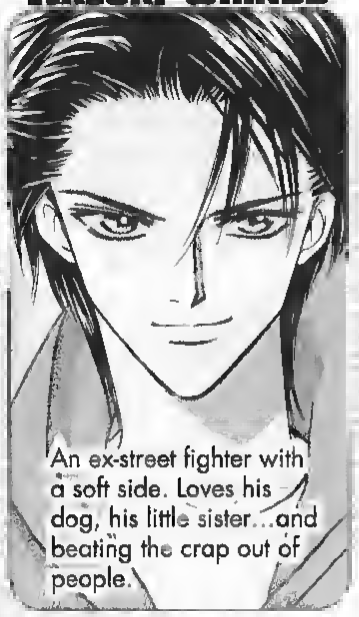
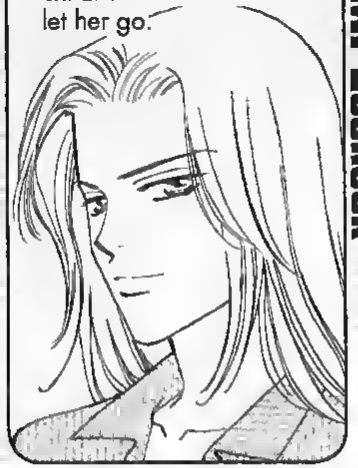


An ex-street fighter with a soft side. Loves his dog, his little sister...and beating the crap out of people.

Rud M. Eschuck

A stubborn kickboxing champion. He's been engaged to Elle since childhood ond refuses to let her go.



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STORY

Elle truly hotes living in o mortiol orts gym. She's olso stuck in on orronged engogement to Ruo, the grondson of her grondpo's deorest friend.

Then one day Elle meets Kozuki Shindo—and her world turns upside down! At first, Kazuki just poses os her boyfriend ta trick Rua. Before long, he hos moved into the gym ond enrolled ot Elle's school.

Against oll odds, Elle ond Kozuki become a reol couple! But Kozuki has training on the broin, to Elle's everlosting frustrotion. Saon Kozuki enters his first match, pretending to be another fighter. Elle is upset at first, but winds up cheering him on.

When Kozuki wins, they get even closer. But now some promoters wont him for o mojar fight. Will Kazuki come out swinging—or will he throw in the towel?

CHARACTERS

Gigi Nagahara

Elle's grondpo. Former kickboxing chompion ond present owner of Nogoharo Mortiol Arts Gym.

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HEY, RUO!
I'M BACK!
ELLE?
!
THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU CHOPPY!
SEE?
Heh heh
BWA HA HA HA HA HA
NOT YOU, TOO?
NO!

Holistic CLINIC
NAG HARA
LOOK, EVERYBODY!
...TURNED INTO A DOG!
MISS ELLE...

SWAT
I KEEP TELLING YOU GUYS...
THAT'S KAZUKI'S DOG, CHOPPY!
SWAT
Ouuuu!
HARDY HAR HAR...
EEEEEEEEK!
There's another one!

KLICK

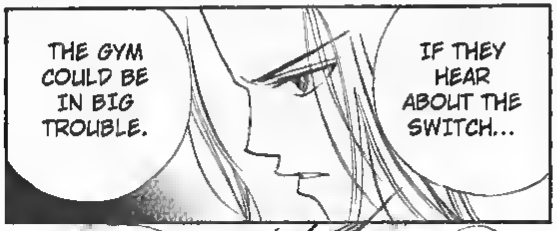
WE WANT YOUR FIGHTER, TEDDY BEAR SHIRAI...
...TO COMPETE IN ONE OF OUR MATCHES.
I'M WITH MATTO, THE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION.
MARTIAL ARTS ORGANIZATION "MATTO"
Gotôda Tsuyoshi
HEY, TEDDY BEAR!
REEEEALLY?
REALLY?

WANNA FIGHT FOR US?
BUT YOUR DEBUT MATCH WAS GREAT!
YOU SURE DON'T LOOK CUDDLY...

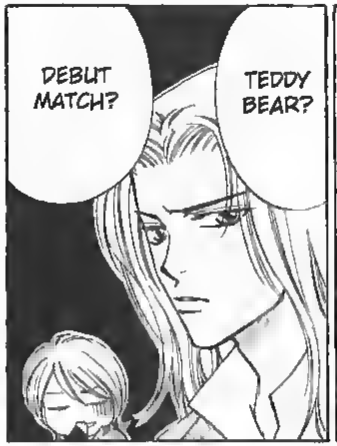
IT'S BEEN SO NICE AND PEACEFUL AROUND HERE...
BUT...
DAMN, I'M PISSED OFF...
I'M REALLY HAPPY, TOO!
IS THE COACH HERE?
UMM...

Elle's doggie look-alike
CHOPPY
It's a Pekingese

NOT REALLY!
Please don't!
I CAN JUST GET RID OF TEDDY BEAR, RIGHT?
RELAX, EVERY-BODY.

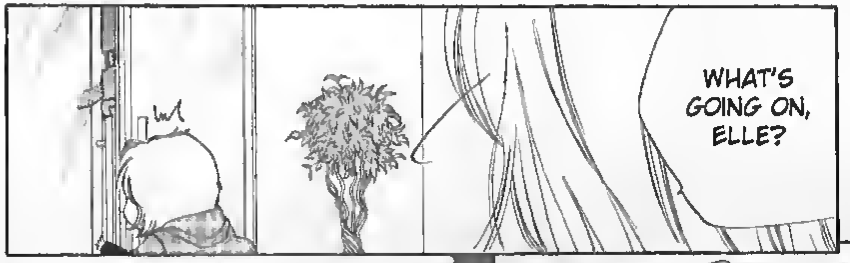

THE GYM COULD BE IN BIG TROUBLE.
IF THEY HEAR ABOUT THE SWITCH...

BUT THIS IS MATTO, MAN!
MAYBE...
MY ONE BIG CHANCE.

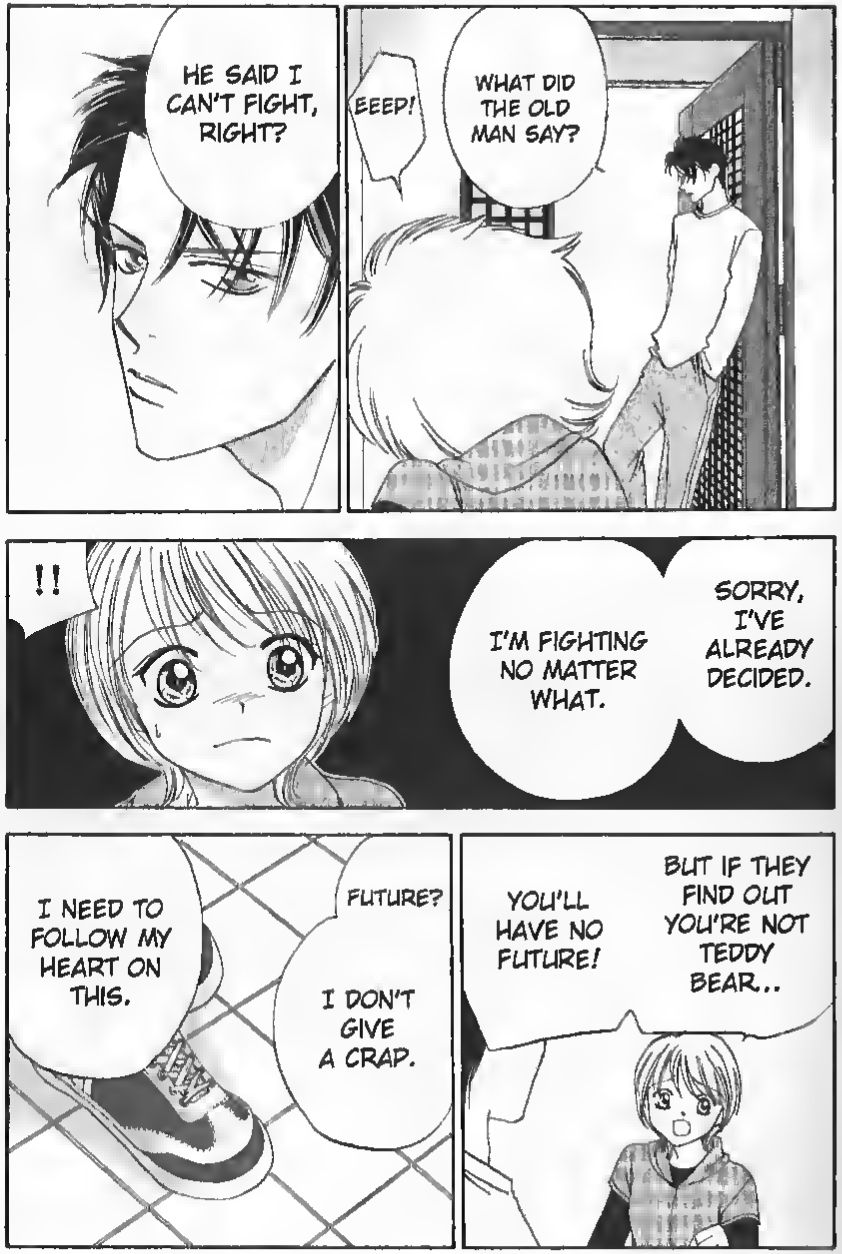

DEBUT MATCH?
TEDDY BEAR?

IT HAS TONS OF TOUGH BOXERS!
MATTO'S AWESOME, DUDE!

MATTO WANTS HIM TO FIGHT?
WHOA!


WHAT'S GOING ON, ELLE?

HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
It's all his fault!
Don't blame me!
KAZUKI FOUGHT FOR SHIRAI?
AHARA MARTIAL ARTS


HE SAID I CAN'T FIGHT, RIGHT?
EEEP!
WHAT DID THE OLD MAN SAY?
!!
I'M FIGHTING NO MATTER WHAT.
SORRY, I'VE ALREADY DECIDED.
I NEED TO FOLLOW MY HEART ON THIS.
FUTURE?
I DON'T GIVE A CRAP.
YOU'LL HAVE NO FUTURE!
BUT IF THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE NOT TEDDY BEAR..

RECOVERY
...OR I'LL THROW HIM OUT!
TELL KAZUKI TO SAY NO...
QUIET
I'LL LOSE MY GYM IF HE FIGHTS!
TOYOKAGAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL
THAT FIGHT COULD KO KAZUKI'S ENTIRE FUTURE!
FORGET THE GYM!
NOOO!
I KNOW...
...OR HIS DREAMS WILL HIT THE ROPES!
KAZUKI HAS TO GIVE UP THAT FIGHT...
STOP HIM, RUO!
BUT HOW, COACH?

I HATE LYING...
BUT I REALLY WANNA HELP HIM.
SERIOUS?
LOSING WEIGHT IS NO PROBLEM FOR ME...
DON'T LOSE WEIGHT!
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...
SO I HAVE 26 POUNDS TO LOSE.
Tomorrow, I stop eating.
I WEIGH 152 RIGHT NOW...
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY!
KAZUKI WON'T LISTEN TO ANYBODY!
I'LL HANDLE IT, RUO!
ELLE...

DO YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE?
HEY! GIGI SAID YOU COULD FIGHT!
ELLE...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
YOU DROP DOWN TO FEATHER-WEIGHT CLASS, 126 POUNDS.
UNDER ONE CONDITION...
YEP. HE SAID THAT.

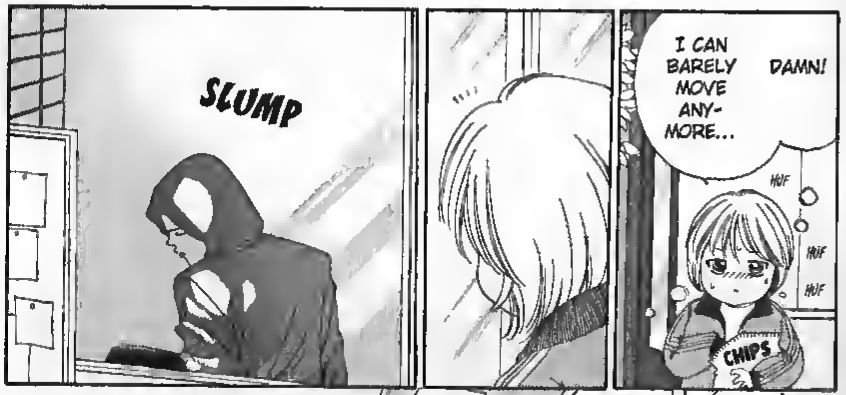
BUT, MISS ELLE! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO PRACTICE?
LOOK, KAZUKI! I MADE A STEAM TENT!
SO HOT IN HERE!...
WHEW!
HSS
HSS
HSS
HSS
GLUG GLUG GLUG
FROSTY
BUBBLY
EXCUSE ME, KAZUKI...
I'M DYIN' OF THIRST!
SQUEE
AHHHH!
SLAMM
SOOO GOOD!

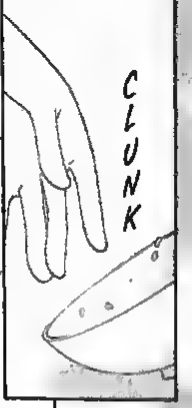
OKAY, I WON'T TELL GIGI.
SEEING KAZUKI BEG FOR MERCY— PRICELESS!
HE CAN'T LOSE 26 POUNDS BY THEN.
THE FIGHT IS NEXT MONTH...
ARE YOU CRAZY? HE'D SHRIVEL UP!
THEN WHY NOT MAKE HIM A FLYWEIGHT? 112 POUNDS.
AS MANY AS POSSIBLE!
YOU HAFTA SWEAT OFF FAT!
HOW MANY MORE LAYERS, ELLE?
FOR KAZUKI...
I'LL BECOME A SHE-DEVIL!
BUTT OUT, OKAY?
I HAVE A PLAN...
KAZUKI'S GONNA FIGHT? BUT COACH SAID...
AND NO FOOD, EXCEPT WHAT I GIVE YOU. GOT IT?
NO WATER FROM NOW ON.
Holistic CLINIC
NAGAHA

GIVE INTO TEMPTATION!
*150 LBS.
SUSHI
I'LL LEAVE THE REST.
OOOF! I'M STUFFED!
burrrp
Hurry! I'm starving!
Ribs! Spaghetti! Sukiyaki! You know you want 'em!
*147 LBS.
670
SAY YOU WON'T FIGHT, KAZUKI!
*143 LBS.

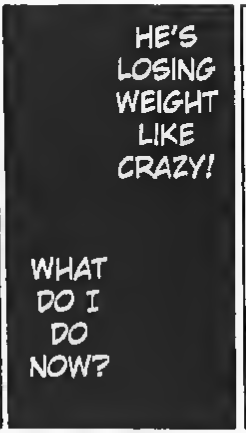
I WON'T LET HIM LOSE AN OUNCE!
GOOD LUCK!
I'M OFF TO MAKE DINNER!
HGG HGG HGG
3000 CALORIES
10 CALORIES

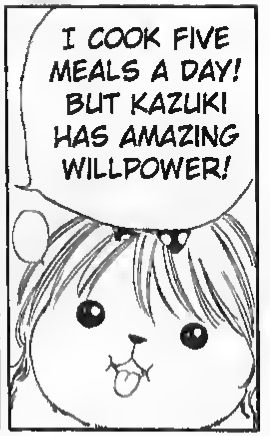
EAT SOMETHING. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER...
C'MON, KAZUKI...
GOB GOB GOB GOB GOBBLE
YEP! YOU'RE ON A DIET, REMEMBER?
THIS IS IT?
Mmm, this looks tasty.

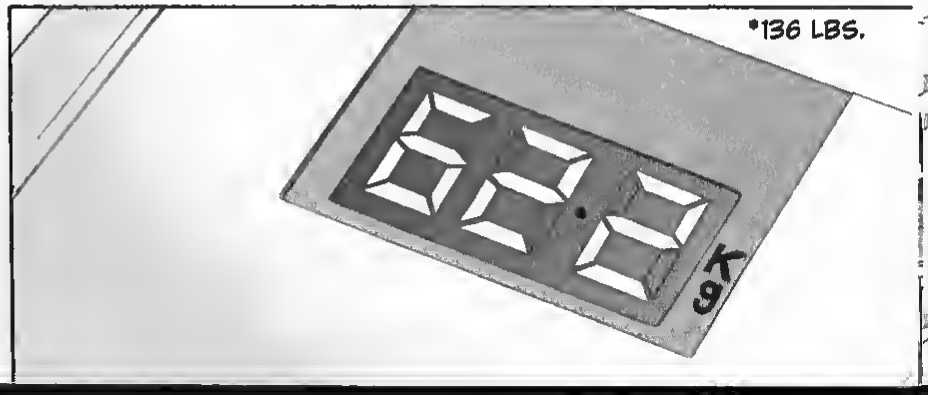




THREE WEEKS LATER...





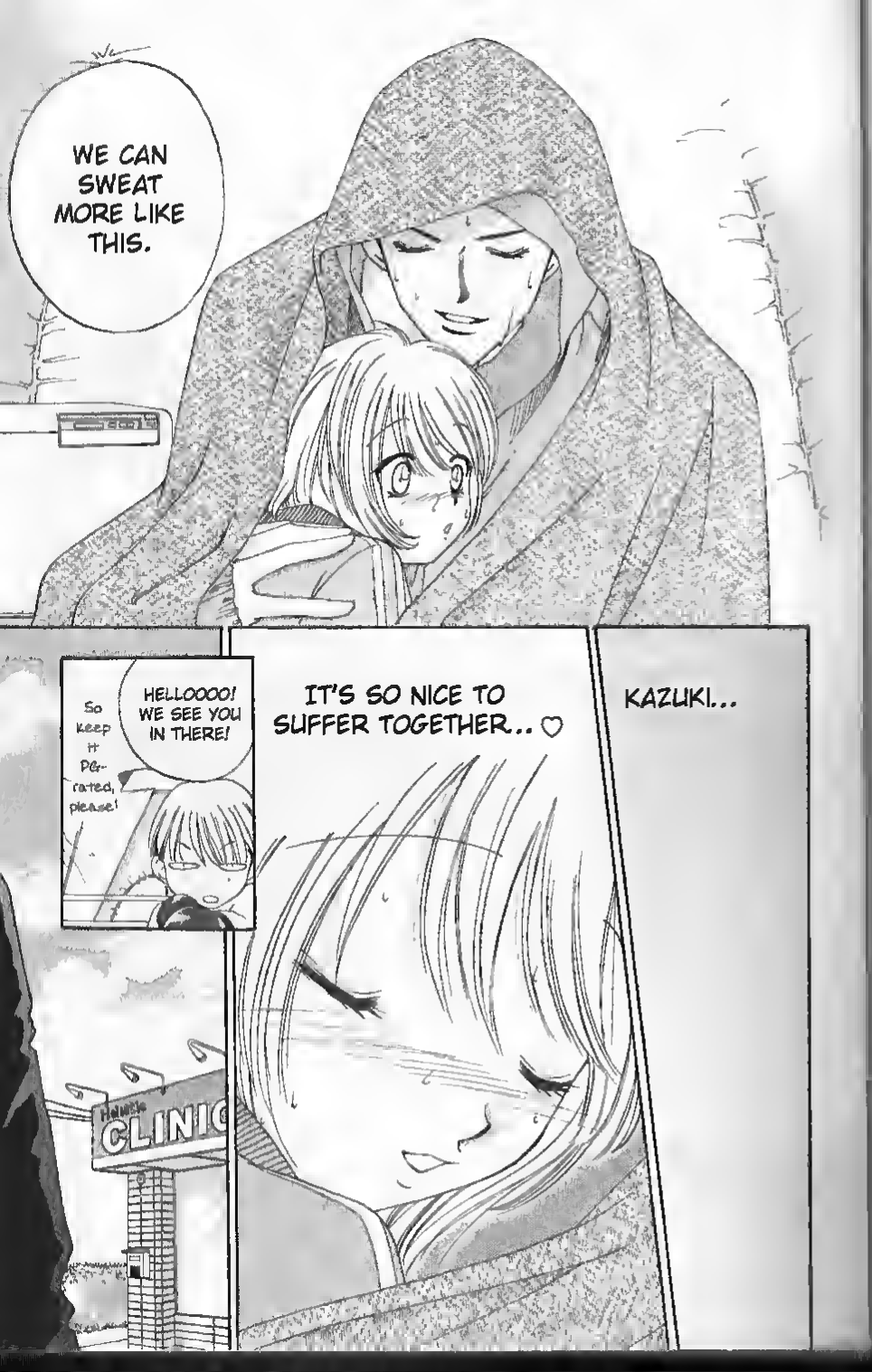


HERE, DRINK THIS!
OR YOU'LL WIND UP IN THE HOSPITAL...
SPLISH
SPLASH
SPLISH
THANKS.
I NEEDED A SHOWER.

I HAVE 10 POUNDS TO GO...
SO I CUT MY HAIR.
YOUR..
YOUR HAIR!
DONATED BLOOD, TOO. REALLY DID ME IN.
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
KAZUKI FINALLY CRASHED!
LOOK!
PLEASE QUIT THIS STUPID DIET!
IT'S WAY TOO RISKY!

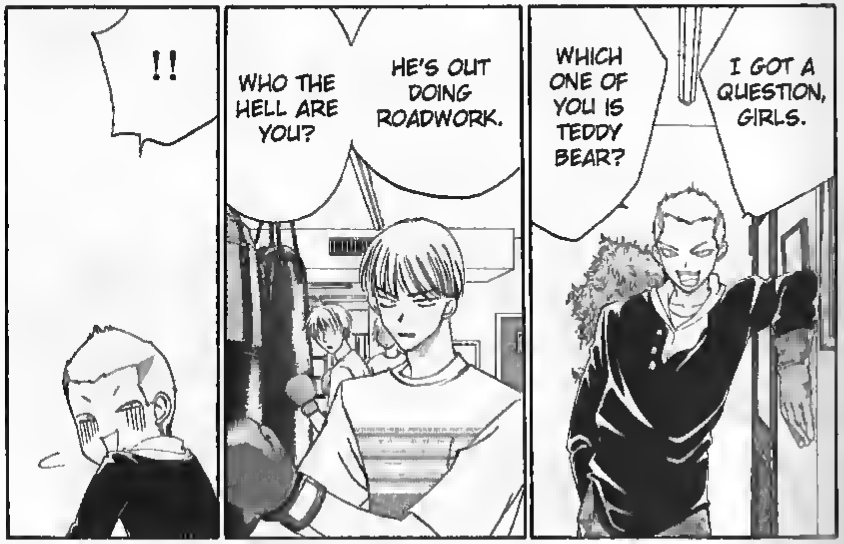
KAZUKI...
I'M SO SORRY...
YOU WENT THROUGH THIS ALONE.
LET ME HELP YOU!
YOU HAVE ONE MORE WEEK.
WHAT?
BUT, MISS ELLE!
SHUT UP!
YOU SAID YOU HAD A—
IF I'M NOT IN YOUR CORNER, WHO WILL BE?
...

ELLE...
HOW CAN I LOSE TEN POUNDS?
YOU CRAZY, DUDE?
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO!
FACE THE FACTS, MAN!
YOU'RE JUST NOT READY FOR MATTO!
SLAMM
HUH?!
STOP TEASING HIM!
I MEAN YOU IDIOTS!
YOU HEARD HER, KAZUKI!
ENOUGH OF THIS CRAP!


WE CAN SWEAT MORE LIKE THIS.
KAZUKI...
IT'S SO NICE TO SUFFER TOGETHER.. ♡
HELLOOOO! WE SEE YOU IN THERE!
So keep it PG-rated, please!
CLINIC

YOU REALLY WANT THIS...
SO WHO CARES WHAT HAPPENS?
I'LL HELP YOU!
YOU'LL LOSE WEIGHT AGAIN.
ALL DIETERS HIT A PLATEAU.
DON'T WORRY, KAZUKI!
HEY...
I'LL EVEN RUN WITH YOU!
Burn off my big gut
MEANWHILE, WE'LL UP YOUR WORKOUTS.

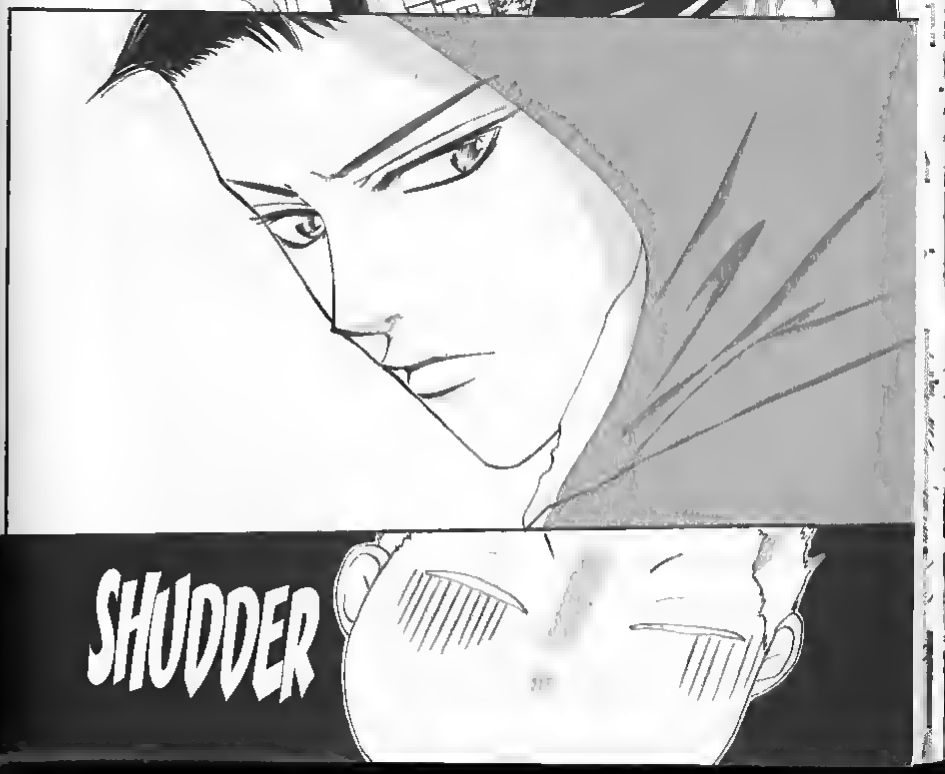
SOME TOUGH MUGS HERE.
SO THIS IS NAGAHARA GYM.
Interesting...
Hee hee
C'mon! One, two, three, four...
DAMN, HE LOOKS EVIL...


!!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
HE'S OUT DOING ROADWORK.
WHICH ONE OF YOU IS TEDDY BEAR?
I GOT A QUESTION, GIRLS.

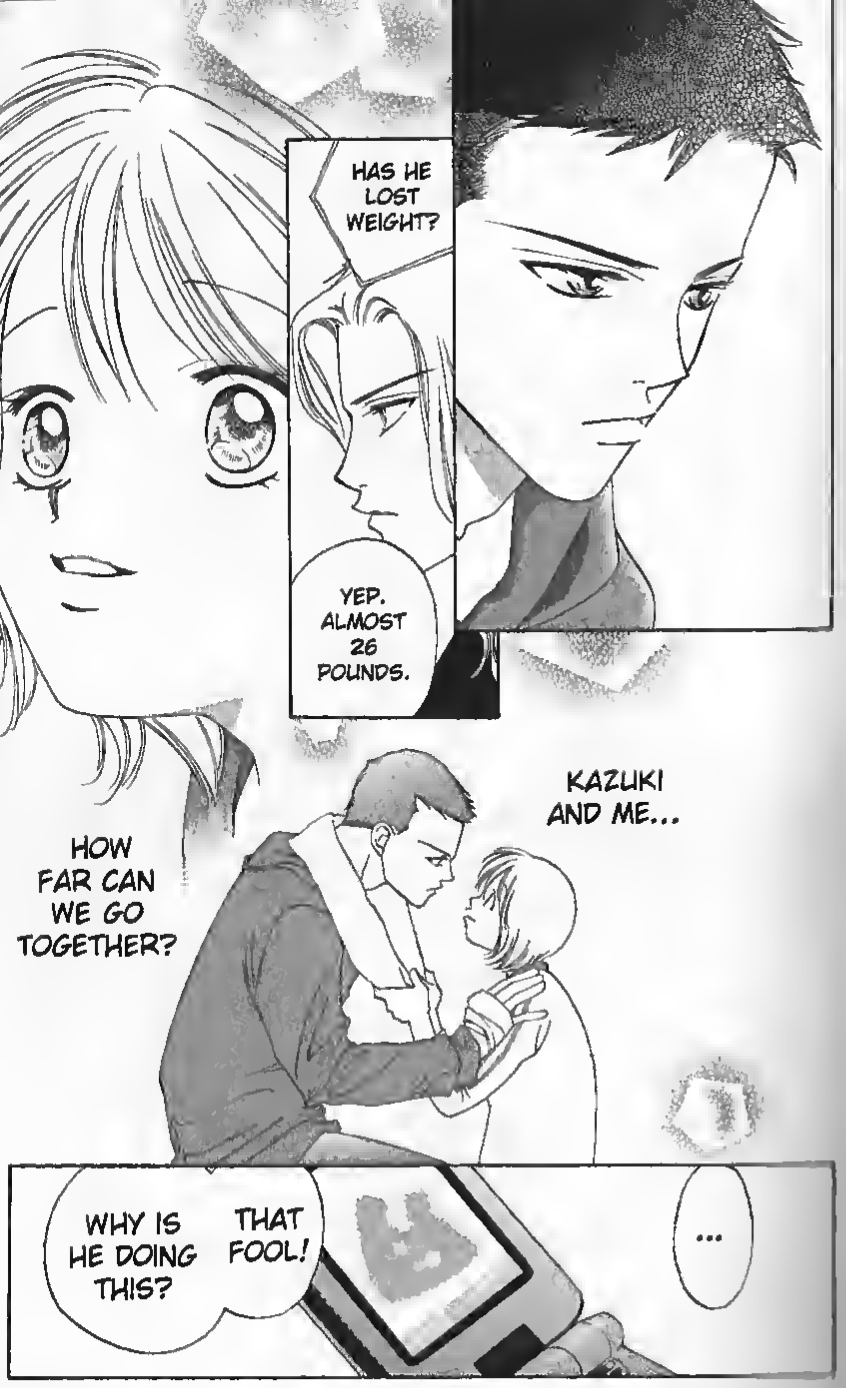
BUT I TOLD YOU KAZUKI CAN'T FIGHT!!
WHAT?

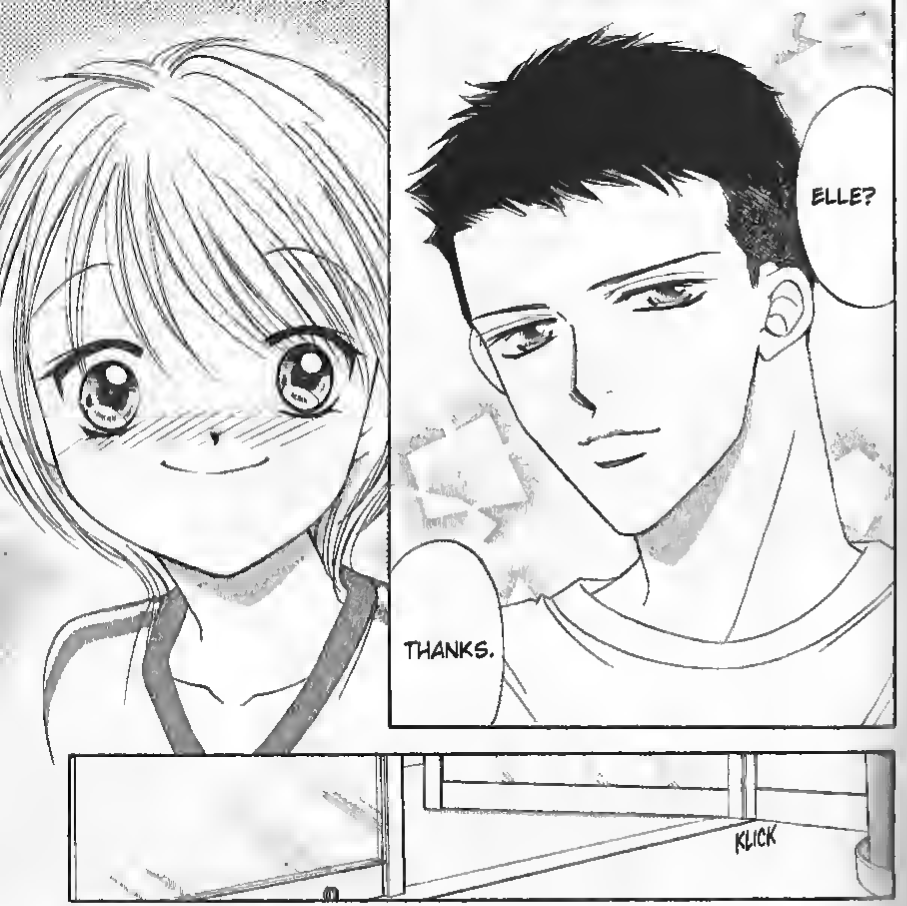
SMACK
OWW!
WATCH IT, YOU—

HMPH!
Must have a death wish..
SO TEDDY BEAR WANTS TO FACE ME, EH? IT'S ONLY HIS SECOND FIGHT...


SHUDDER

NOW SHE'S MAKING HIM INTO A FEATHER-WEIGHT!
ELLE WAS GONNA STOP HIM...
HERE'S A PICTURE, COACH...
UH, THAT'S A DOG...
STOP SMILING! GIGI IS VERY ANGRY!
ELLE?
SHOULD I BUST HIS LEG IN A SPARRING MATCH?


HAS HE LOST WEIGHT?
YEP. ALMOST 26 POUNDS.
KAZUKI AND ME...
HOW FAR CAN WE GO TOGETHER?
WHY IS HE DOING THIS?
THAT FOOL!
...


ELLE?
THANKS.
KLICK

I NEED TO CONFIRM SOMETHING...
YES?
UMM...

YIPPEEEE!
126 POUNDS ON THE NOSE!
*000 LBS.
THE DAY BEFORE WEIGH-IN...
*126 LBS.

YAY, YAY, YAY!!!
YAY!
YOU'RE BACK IN SHAPE, TOO.
YOU LOST 26 POUNDS!
YOU DID IT, KAZUKI!

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS, MAN!
BESIDES, THIS FAKER'S ONLY FIFTEEN!
HE AND HIS GYM SHOULD BE BANNED FROM BOXING!
NOT EVEN LEGAL!
NO WAY CAN HE FIGHT PROFESSIONALLY.

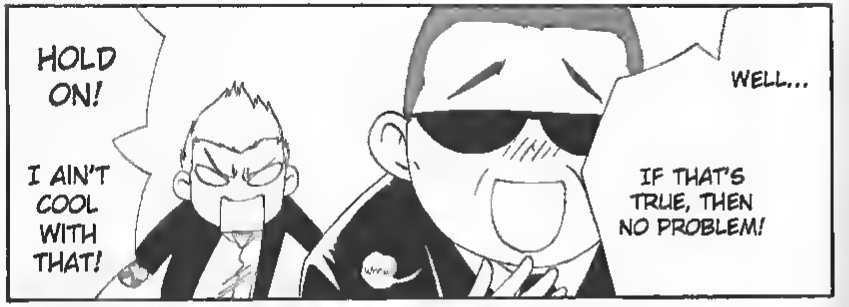
I'M NOT FIGHTIN' THAT PUNK!
YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN. NAGAHARA GYM WOULD NEVER ALLOW THIS!
HE'S KAZUKI SHINDO, SOME HIGH SCHOOL KID. HE FAKED HIS ID.
HE AIN'T TEDDY BEAR SHIRAI!
NO...
I'M NOT LYIN'! AM I?

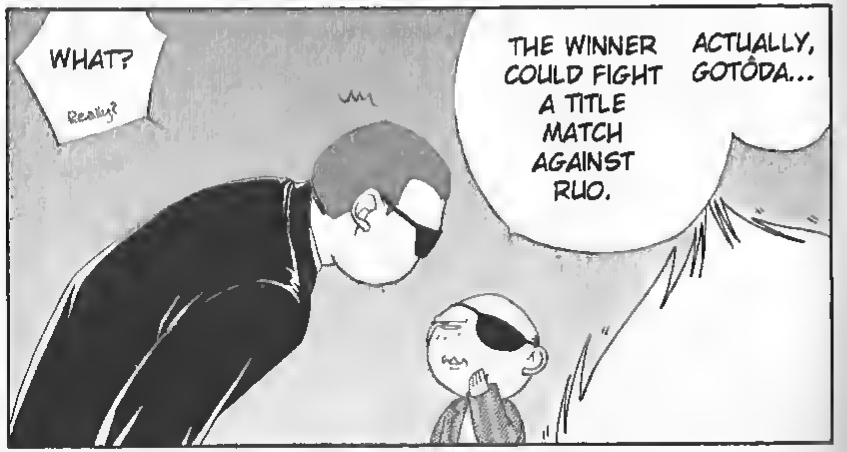
HOW CAN I FIX THIS MESS?
UHH...
GULP!
I SAID I'M NOT LYIN'!
WHAT TOSHIYA JUST SAID?
IS THIS TRUE, TEDDY BEAR?
YEAH, HE...
HUH?
TOSHIYA'S TELLING THE TRUTH.
KAZUKI!
LEAVE THE GYM ALONE.
BUT I ONLY PRACTICE HERE.
I'M NOT ONE OF THEIR BOXERS.

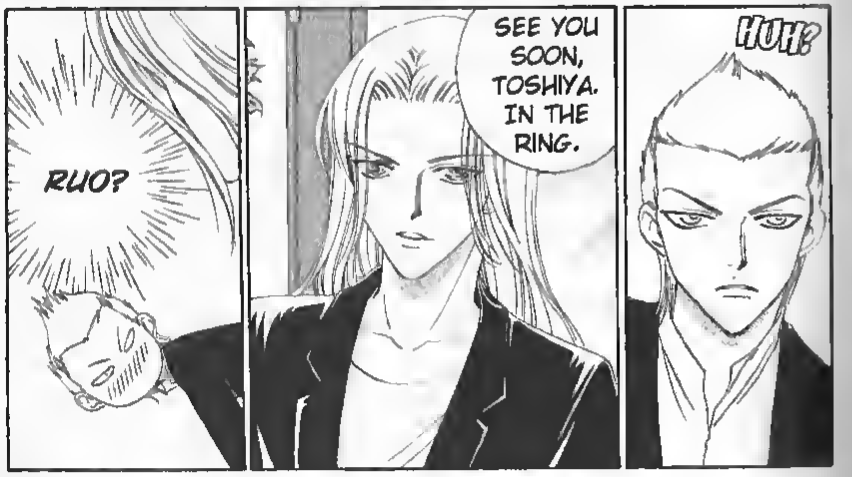
HE LIED ABOUT HIS NAME AND HIS AGE.
HE AND HIS GYM SHOULD BE BANNED FROM BOXING!
OH, NO! THEY FOUND OUT!

FLASH
GIGI!
C-COACH NAGAHARA?
?!
I TOLD HIM TO COME BACK AND SETTLE THIS.
YOU MADE A HELLUVA MESS WHILE I WAS AWAY.
S-SORRY, COACH!
RUO!
SHUT UP, YOU!
THIS GEEZER'S A COACH? HE LOOKS LIKE A TAKOYAKI!
TAKOYAKI OCTOPUS DUMPLING
Y-YES, SIR...
GOTÔDA. LONG TIME, NO SEE...

GAVE BLOOD...
CUT YOUR HAIR...
LOST 26 POUNDS...
DON'T GIVE UP NOW!
BUT YOU...
IT'S OKAY, ELLE...
GUESS MY LUCK JUST RAN OUT.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!


HOLD ON!
I AIN'T COOL WITH THAT!
WELL...
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN NO PROBLEM!


WHAT?
Really?
THE WINNER COULD FIGHT A TITLE MATCH AGAINST RUO.
ACTUALLY, GOTÔDA...


RUO?
SEE YOU SOON, TOSHIYA. IN THE RING.
HUH?

WHAT?
HE'S WRONG. KAZUKI SHINDO FIGHTS FOR ME.

WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE KID SAYS HE JUST PRACTICES HERE.

HE CAN'T FIGHT! HE'S ONLY FIFTEEN!

WHAT?
WHADDAYA MEAN, OLD MAN?

HE DIDN'T PRETEND TO BE TEDDY BEAR SHIRAI!
GIGI!
I TOLD YOU GUYS TO SUBSTITUTE HIM, REMEMBER?

NOT ANYMORE. HE TURNED SIXTEEN YESTERDAY.

THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH. RIGHT, GOTÔDA?
RUO AND I CAN VOUCH FOR HIS SKILLS...

HIS NAME IS KAZUKI, NOT TEDDY BEAR.
GOTÔDA? ONE MORE THING...
BE SURE TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM.
"KAZUKI" MEANS "A MAN WHO DEFEATS A THOUSAND OTHERS."
YIPPEE!
KAZUKI CAN USE HIS OWN NAME!

I'M GONNA FIGHT RUO! GOODY, GOODY! ♡
TP TP TP
THIS FIST IS A LETHAL WEAPON!
BUT BE PREPARED, BRO!
THAT MEANS MONEY! FAME!
A TITLE MATCH!
OODLES OF SCREAMIN' CHICKS!
SEE YOU IN THE RING!
OKEY-DOKEY, RUO.
Hmph!
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS, SON!
YOU CAN FIGHT AFTER ALL!
KAZUKI!

STOP STRESSING, GIGI! KAZUKI WILL WIN!
I'M READY.
RIGHT ?
SQUEEEZ
!
YEAH...
HECK, WE EVEN DIETED TOGETHER! NO WAY WE CAN LOSE!
JUST LOOK AT US!
OUR BOND IS SUPER-STRONG!

MELLLT
Sniffle Sniffle
OH, GEEZ...
THANKS, GIGI...
YOU NINCOMPOOPS!
NAGA
TOMOR-ROW'S THE FIGHT!
IF YOU LOSE, YOU'RE OUTTA HERE!
GOT IT?
I SAVED THIS GYM...
...BY DANGLING A TITLE MATCH IN HIS FACE!
BUCKLE DOWN, KAZUKI!
YOU TOTALLY IGNORED MY ORDERS!
THEY ALMOST KICKED US OUT OF THE SPORT!
I'M SORRY, GIGI!

KAZUKI PASSED THE WEIGH-IN...
BUT HE LOOKS SICK.
HE MIGHT HAFTA DROP OUT.
HE CAN'T FIGHT LIKE THIS, ELLE. IT'S DANGEROUS.
KAZUKI ?
KLACK
BUT IF HE QUITS, HE CAN STAY.
HE LOSES, HE'S GONE..
GIGI WANTS HIM TO GIVE UP...

K-K-KAZUKI ?
UHHHH...
SHUSH! DON'T RUIN THE MOMENT!
MISS ELLE?
Um...
HUH?
SWAY
KAZUKI !
HE LOST WEIGHT WAY TOO FAST, ELLE!
IT TOOK A REAL TOLL ON HIM..
WHAT'S WRONG ??

When I was little, I had a strange dog...
It looked like it wore glasses.
"Choppy"
The breed is ...?

NIBBLE ON ME!
I can't be nibble on me you now!
BLUSH
BUT THE FIGHT'S TOMORROW!
You that sex-crazed?

THE WEIGH-IN'S OVER! YOU CAN EAT NOW!
NIBBLE ON FOOD!

FORGET ABOUT TRAINING!
YOU NEED TO GET YOUR STRENGTH BACK!

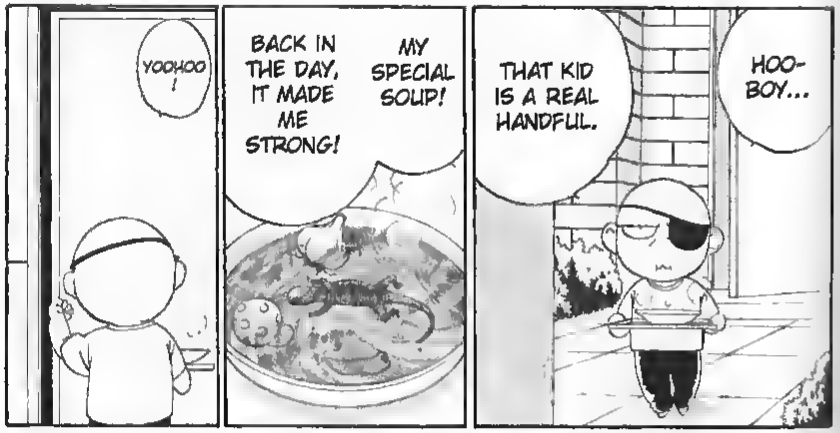
...
I FEEL BETTER NOW.
Sniff
Sniff
Sniff
THINK I'LL GO SPAR A LITTLE...

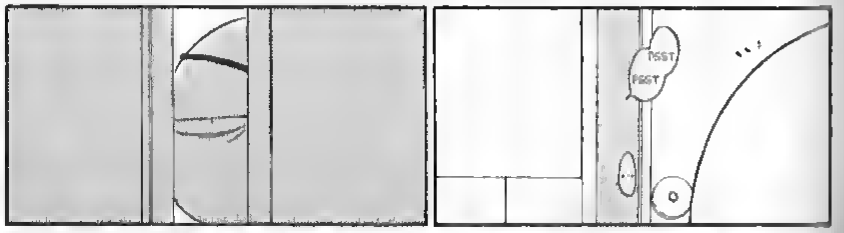
KAZUKI!
I WAS JUST TIRED.
CALM DOWN, ELLE.

YOU GONNA TELL ME NOT TO FIGHT?
NO!

NO, WAIT!

NIBBLE ON SOME-THING FIRST...
BLUSH


YOOHOO!
BACK IN THE DAY, IT MADE ME STRONG!
MY SPECIAL SOUP!
THAT KID IS A REAL HANDFUL.
HOO-BOY...


PSST
PSST

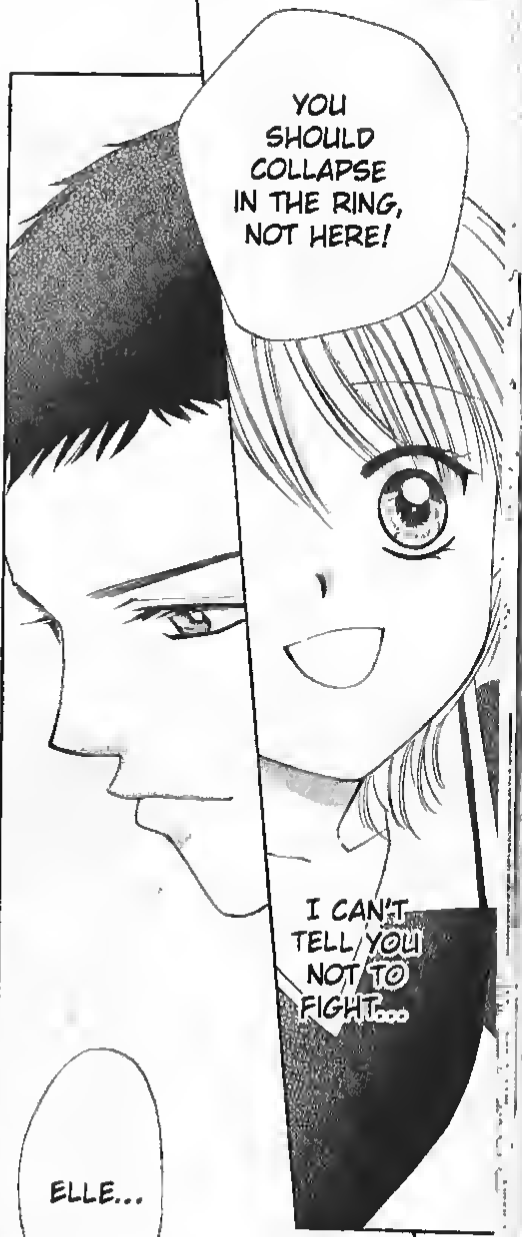
...
HELLO, RICE! I'VE MISSED YOU...
EAT ALL YOU WANT!

ARE YOU GONNA WRECK OUR TRAINING AGAIN?
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE FOOD, MISS ELLE?
B-BMP
B-BMP
WHEW
DOPP

SHUDDER

Shut up and peel potatoes!
SOB! WHY US, MISS ELLE?

YESSIR! I'LL GET HIM BACK IN SHAPE!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE


YOU SHOULD COLLAPSE IN THE RING, NOT HERE!
I CAN'T TELL YOU NOT TO FIGHT...
ELLE...

TOMORROW ...
I'LL FIGHT LIKE NORMAL...
...AND WIN LIKE NORMAL.
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT WINNING. JUST FIGHT.
I ALWAYS WANTED A NORMAL LIFE. BUT ADVENTURE SOUNDS COOL, TOO!
KAZUKI? I'VE DECIDED TO LEAVE GIGI—AND FOLLOW YOU!
!!
CHOMP CHOMP
HELL, NO.
YOU'RE MY COACH, REMEMBER?
NOW AND FOREVER...
what..
I DON'T WANNA LEAVE HERE.
I AM NOT GONNA LOSE, ELLE.
TRUST ME.

UH-HUH...
OKAY...
GEEZ...
YOU ARE SO COOL!
SOB SOB
YOU'D BETTER WIN, KAZUKI!
OKAY?
OH, GEEZ...

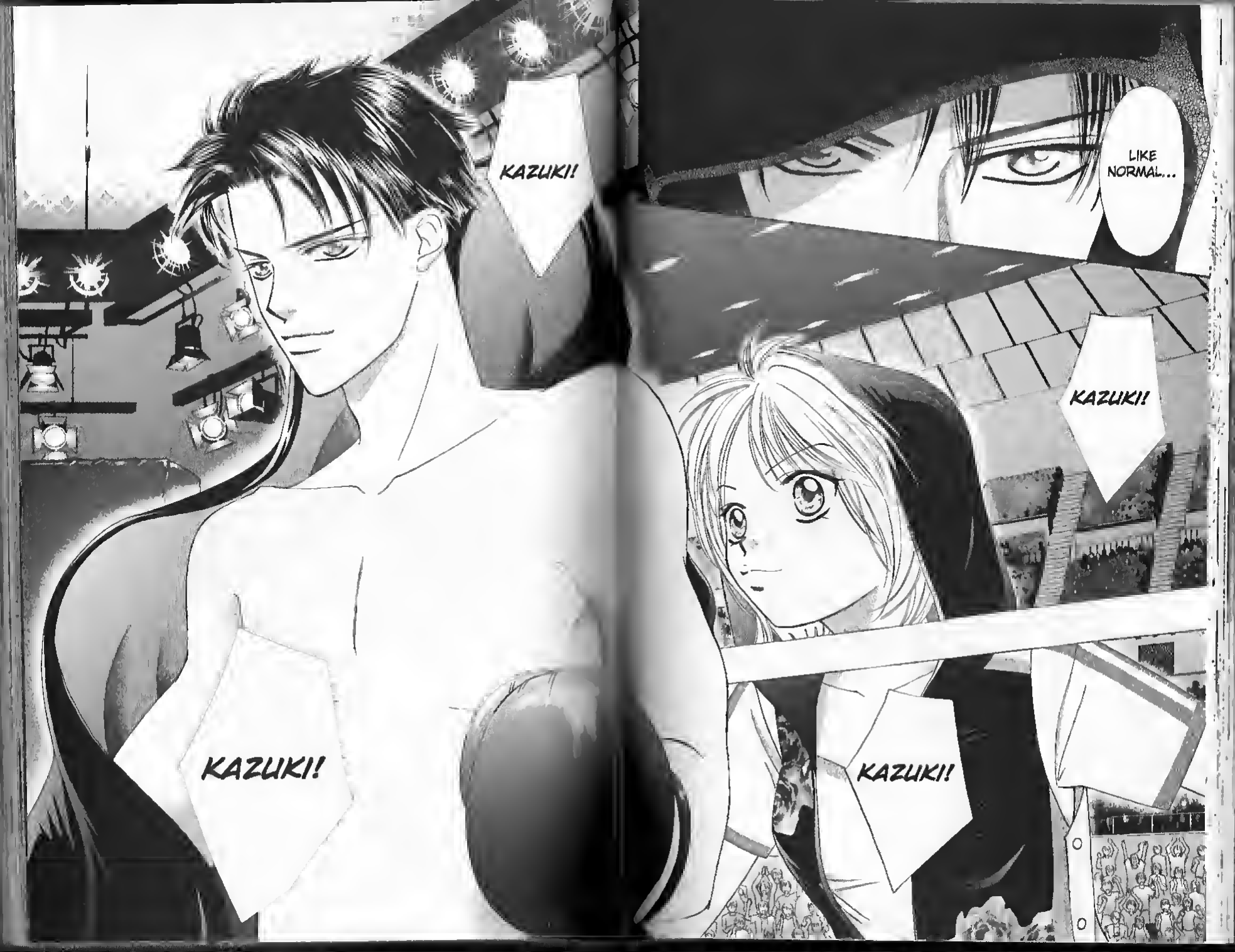
B-BMP
B-BMP
SHOW TIME.
FIGHT!
WHATEVER YOU DO...
PLEASE, GOD OF MARTIAL ARTS!
LET KAZUKI WIN!!!
GO, KAZUKI !!!
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG...

ROARRR
I PUMMEL THIS PUNK FIRST. THEN IT'S HELLO, RUO!
BUT WILL HE BE OKAY? HE COULD BARELY SPAR!
DON'T TALK AT ONCE!
YOU REALLY WANT ELLE TO COACH HIM?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M FINE!
Sort of
B-BMP B-BMP
YOU OKAY, ELLE?
JUST RELAX, KAZUKI.
AND KEEP YOUR HANDS UP.
COACHES OUT OF THE RING!
YEAH ...

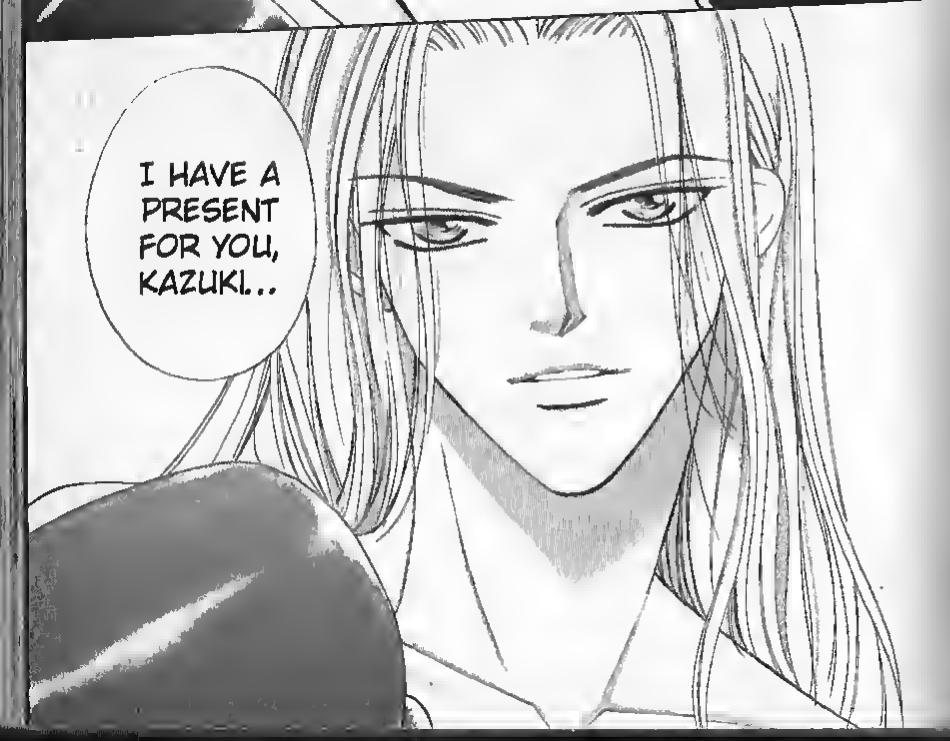
GO FORWARD, KAZUKI!
FORWARD!
POW
OH! THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL A MARTIAL ARTIST...
AHHH! FEELS LIKE I'M WATCHING THE YOUNG ME!

CRRRACKLE
Who are you?
Who are you?
NUH-UH! HE SMILED AT ME!
OOOOH! RUO SMILED AT ME!
GRIN
OKAY...
I KNOW IT'S FOR THE TITLE. BUT FIGHT LIKE NORMAL. OKAY?
TAPP

RUO! LOOKY OVER HERE!
RUO!
RUO!
RUO!
RUO!
FIVE YEARS LATER
HINA SO HAPPY! HINA FINALLY RINGSIDE!
GO, KAZUKI! GO!!!


KAZUKI!
KAZUKI!
LIKE NORMAL...
KAZUKI!
KAZUKI!

FINALLY. ONE ON ONE...


I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU, KAZUKI...

SOBBBBBB
CAN YOU SEE THEM, SHIN?
THIS DAY IS FINALLY HERE...

SIGH! WISH SHE'D COACH ME SOMEDAY...
DREAM ON, DUDE...
BUT KAZUKI'S UNDEFEATED, MAN!
YOU KIDDIN' ME?

SHE USED TO HATE MARTIAL ARTS!
SHE'S GIGI'S GRANDKID, ALL RIGHT. ONE HELLUVA COACH.

...AND I LOVE IT.
THE BLINDING LIGHTS...?
THE ROARING CROWD...
THIS IS MY NORMAL...
GRUEEZ

Whenever we went for a walk People asked, "Is that a fox?" For sixteen years, it only listened to me

FIGHT !!!

TAPP

PUNCH!

The End

PUNCH!

YESSSSSSS !!!
?
CHOKE! EXCUSE ME!
KOFF KOFF!
BUT IF WE STUDY EVEN HARDER..
I KNOW WE'RE BUSY STUDYING...
...WE CAN GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL!
OKAY, REN!
YOU CAN CALL ME REN...
UH, CAN I CALL YOU ARISA NOW?
NAH, YOU JUST SURPRISED ME! I GOT CHOKED UP!
GRIN
GOT A COLD?
REN OJIKA! YOU RULE!
YOU DO HAVE A STRANGE SIDE, ARISA..
...BUT THAT'S WHY I LIKE YOU!
?
CASP
KOFF KOFF KOFF

MISS ARISA HAIBARA?
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
KOHU CRAM SCHOOL
IT WAS TWO WEEKS BEFORE...
...OUR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM.
O-OKAY...

THUD
JOURN
I SHOULD WRITE THIS ALL DOWN!
!
SCURRY
I'VE RAISED HELL SINCE JUNIOR HIGH...
AND THEN I MET REN.
HEEHEEHEE
SEE THOSE PUNKS OVER THERE?
WANNA STAB 'EM?
EHEH
I MEAN, REN... ♡
DEAREST OJIKA..
I DECIDED TO CHANGE...
...AND GO TO CRAM SCHOOL!
SIGH!
TODAY, IT FINALLY PAID OFF!
I REALLY LIKE YOU.
LET'S GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER...
...AND HAVE A COOL TIME!

I'M REN OJIKA'S GIRLFRIEND AT LAST!
YAHOO !!!
REN DOESN'T KNOW...
SO LONG TO...
...THE OLD ME!
...I USED TO BE A THUG GIRL!
I'M A GOOD GIRL NOW!
ONE LONG YEAR OF UNREQUITED LOVE— OVER!

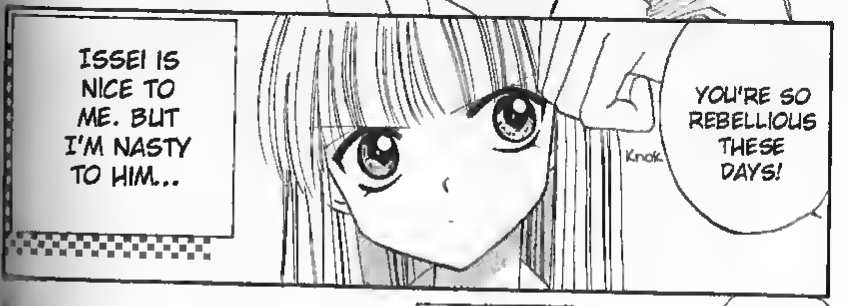
PRACTICE SOMEWHERE ELSE!
I CAN'T STUDY LIKE THIS!
ECHOOO
THWACK
WHATCHA DOIN', SKANK?
!!
SHE'S "ANYTHING GOES" ARISA! THE EVIL ONE!
JUNIOR HIGH? YOU CRAZY, MAN?
Pfft!
SO I SET YOUR DRUMS ON FIRE. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
Hands off my kit, chick!
LEAVE HER ALONE! SHE'S IN JUNIOR HIGH!
OWW! THAT HURT, ISSEI!

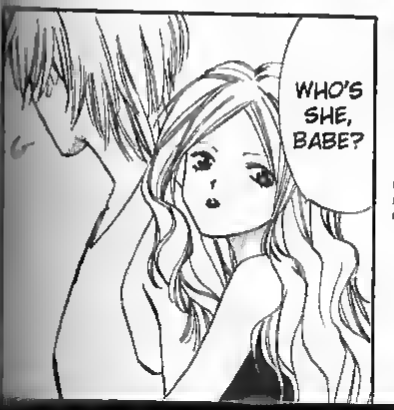
THWANGGG
WANGGG
THUN THUN SCREE THUN THUN SCREE
SHUT THE HELL UP, LOSER!!
SCREEE

IF ISSEI FINDS OUT ABOUT US...

...HE'LL KICK THE SNOT OUT OF HIM.

I WANT ISSEI TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT MY PAST.





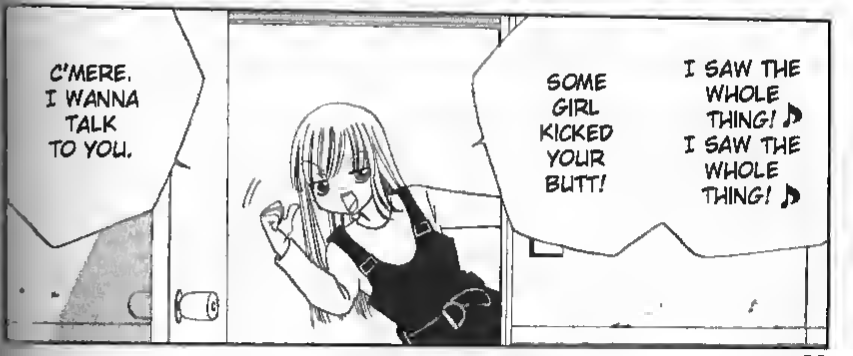
WHO?
HEY! SHE'S PERFECT!

DO YOU WANNA SING, MAN? HUH?
Tsk. her!
C'MON, ISSE!! MAKE HER JOIN THE BAND!
NOT HARDLY! THE OTHER CHICK WAS ONLY IN NINTH GRADE!
!!
ARISA? SHE'S STILL A KID!

WHAT'S UP, ARISA?
Cafe

I KISSED HER...
NO WAY! YOU DUMPED HER!
OUR BIG SHOW IS TWO WEEKS AWAY! IT COULD MAKE OR BREAK US!
YOU'RE WAY TOO PICKY, MAN!
BUT SHE'S NOT THE GIRL FOR ME.
TSK! SHE LEFT ON HER OWN...

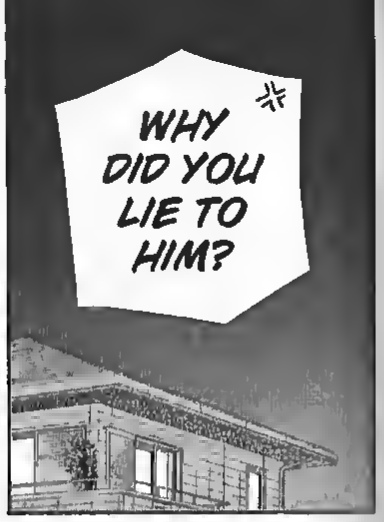
SOMEBODY WITH NO FEAR, WHO CAN ALSO SING...
BUT WHO?
ANYWAY, WE NEED A NEW SINGER!

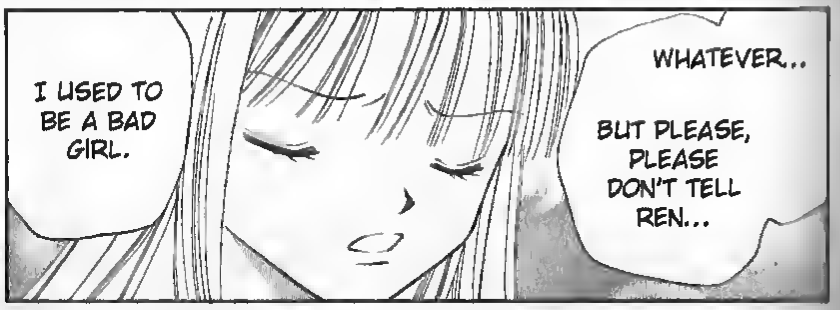

C'MERE. I WANNA TALK TO YOU.
SOME GIRL KICKED YOUR BUTT!
I SAW THE WHOLE THING! ♪
I SAW THE WHOLE THING! ♪

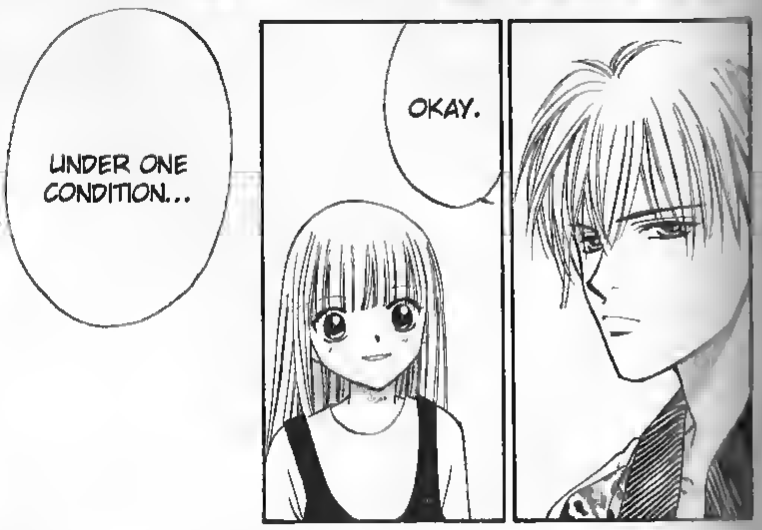
NOODLES, PLEASE!
MENU
HAMBURGER COMBO...
B-BMP
M
NOODLES OR A HAMBURGER?
HMM, WHAT DO I WANT...
MENU
READY TO ORDER?
Heh!
YOU KNOW ME SO WELL...
Ahhhh
JUST A BITE.
NOT ALL OF IT, OKAY?
WANT A BITE?

JOLT
REN!!
ARISA?
RIGHT!
THIS IS MY, UH, BIG BROTHER!
REALLY!
What about you?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YIPES! WHAT DO I TELL HIM?
HI, I'M REN OJIKA. ARISA'S BOYFRIEND.
OH! I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD A BROTHER..

HEY! YOU LIED, TOO!


WHY DID YOU LIE TO HIM?


I USED TO BE A BAD GIRL.
WHATEVER...
BUT PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T TELL REN...


UNDER ONE CONDITION...
OKAY.

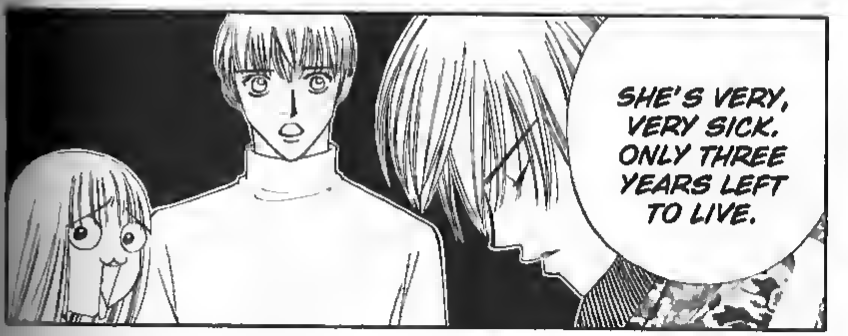
S-SO BE NICE, OKAY? ♡
YEP, THAT'S THE SCOOP.

SOME-TIMES...
YOU COME HERE, TOO?

YIKES!
HEY, REN! DID ARISA TELL YOU YET?

EEEP!
I WANTED TO TELL ISSEI MYSELF!
BOY-FRIEND?

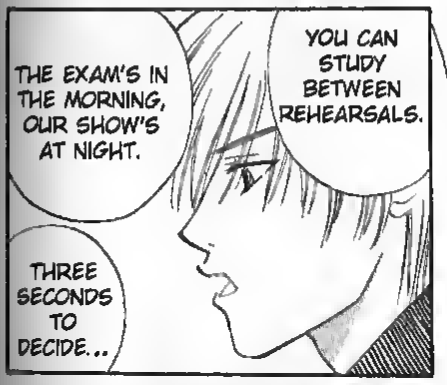
HE'S THE BIG SECRET...
OH!


SHE'S VERY, VERY SICK. ONLY THREE YEARS LEFT TO LIVE.

JOINING A BAND IS NOTHIN'...
...COMPARED TO CRAM SCHOOL!
PASS T ST!!
WHEW, THIS IS TOUGH!

NAH! MY BROTHER MADE UP THAT WHOLE "SICK" THING!
NEED TO REST, ARISA?
BUT I'M DOING THIS ALL FOR REN.

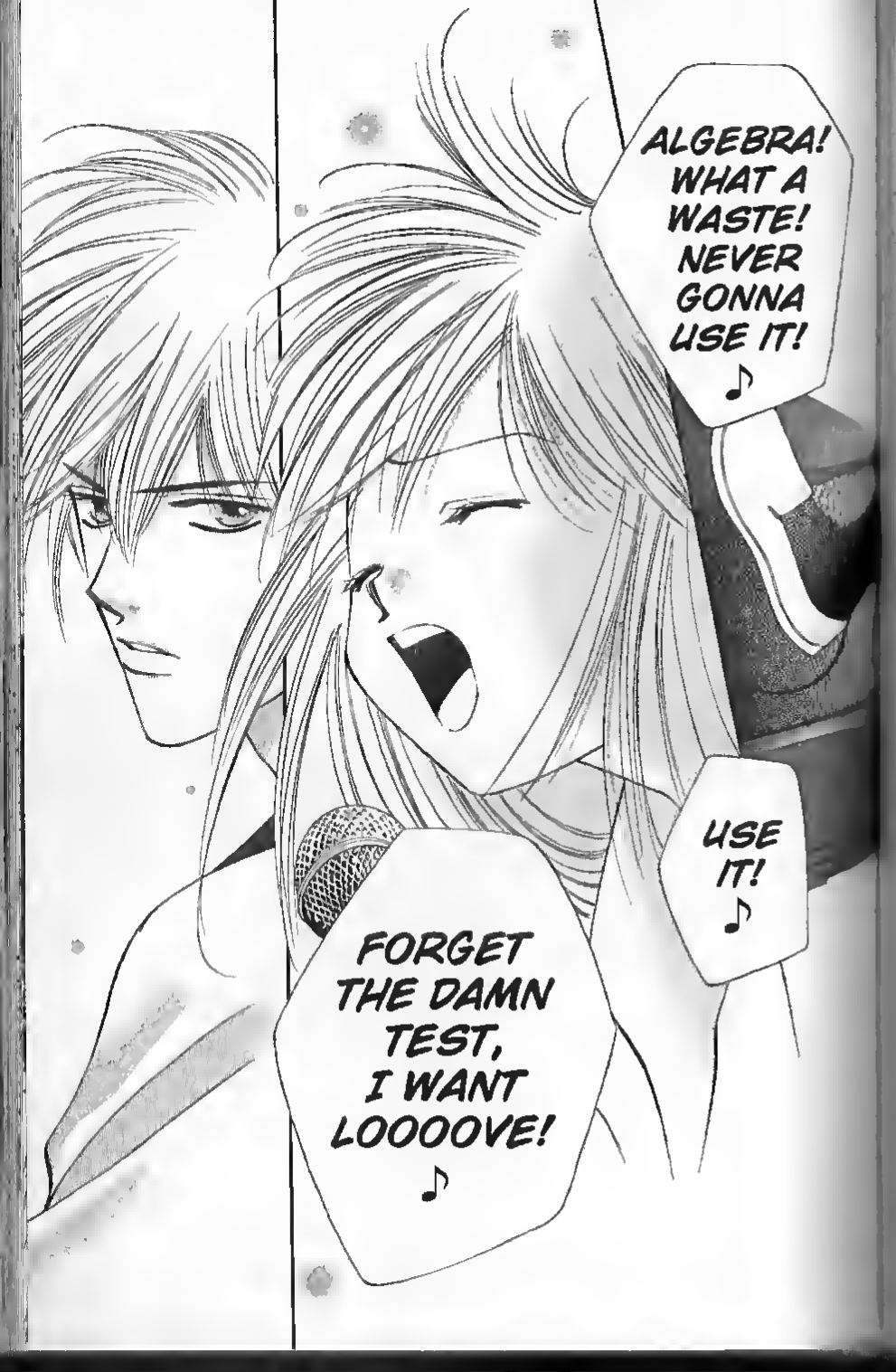
BUT THAT'S MY EXAM DAY! NO WAY!
!!
JUST FOR OUR BIG SHOW.


THE EXAM'S IN THE MORNING, OUR SHOW'S AT NIGHT.
YOU CAN STUDY BETWEEN REHEARSALS.
THREE SECONDS TO DECIDE...

HUH?
YOU SING FOR HHH.
NO FAIR!
THREE!
TWO!
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
BUT YOU'D BETTER NOT TELL REN!
OKAY, OKAY, I'LL DO IT!

EVERYBODY! FROM THE TOP!
REN HAS NEVER SEEN THE REAL ME...
YEP. HE'S RIGHT...
SO THE DEAL'S OFF?
I DON'T FEEL LIKE SINGING...
WANGG
Yeah?
FINE! I'LL SING!
ARISA!
FORGET THE LYRICS! JUST SCREAM!
C'MON, ARISA! YOU'RE STRESSED OUT!
POUT
THWANGG

BMP
KISS ME!!
C'MON!
A KISS?
YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER GIRLS.
SORRY, ARISA.
KISSING THIS SOON FEELS KINDA WEIRD...
THAT'S WHY I LIKE YOU...
YOU DON'T CUSS OR WEAR MAKE-UP...
YOU HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER.


ALGEBRA! WHAT A WASTE! NEVER GONNA USE IT! ♪
USE IT! ♪
FORGET THE DAMN TEST, I WANT LOOOOVE! ♪

CRAM SCHOOL MAKES ME HURL... ♪
DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE DEAD FISH EYES... ♪

WHERE AM I? ♪
WHO AM I? ♪
THE BLACKBOARD'S GETTIN' BIGGER ALL THE TIME... ♪
MY PENCIL BROKE... ♪
THE TEACHER'S A JOKE... ♪
THE GUY BESIDE ME STINKS LIKE SWINE... ♪
SURROUNDED BY NERDS... ♪
BURIED IN WORDS... ♪
WHAT THE HELL?

TO BE HONEST, THAT CRAM SCHOOL MAKES ME CRAZY.
I THINK I CAN DO THIS.
HE'S RIGHT. I NEVER LAUGH ANYMORE, EITHER.
ARE YOU REALLY HAPPY DATING HIM?
WHY LIE ABOUT WHO YOU ARE?
THE REAL ARISA IS RIGHT HERE.
LIKE A LOAD OFF MY BACK...
THAT FELT GOOD!
WHEW!
GIGGLE!
COOL! LET'S ADD IT TO THE LINEUP!
YOU HAVEN'T SMILED LIKE THAT FOR AGES. IT'S NICE.

I totally love Issei!
Love Lov
July 12
My first kiss!
I kissed Issei while he was asleep in the garage!!
Anything goes!
ZZZZZZ

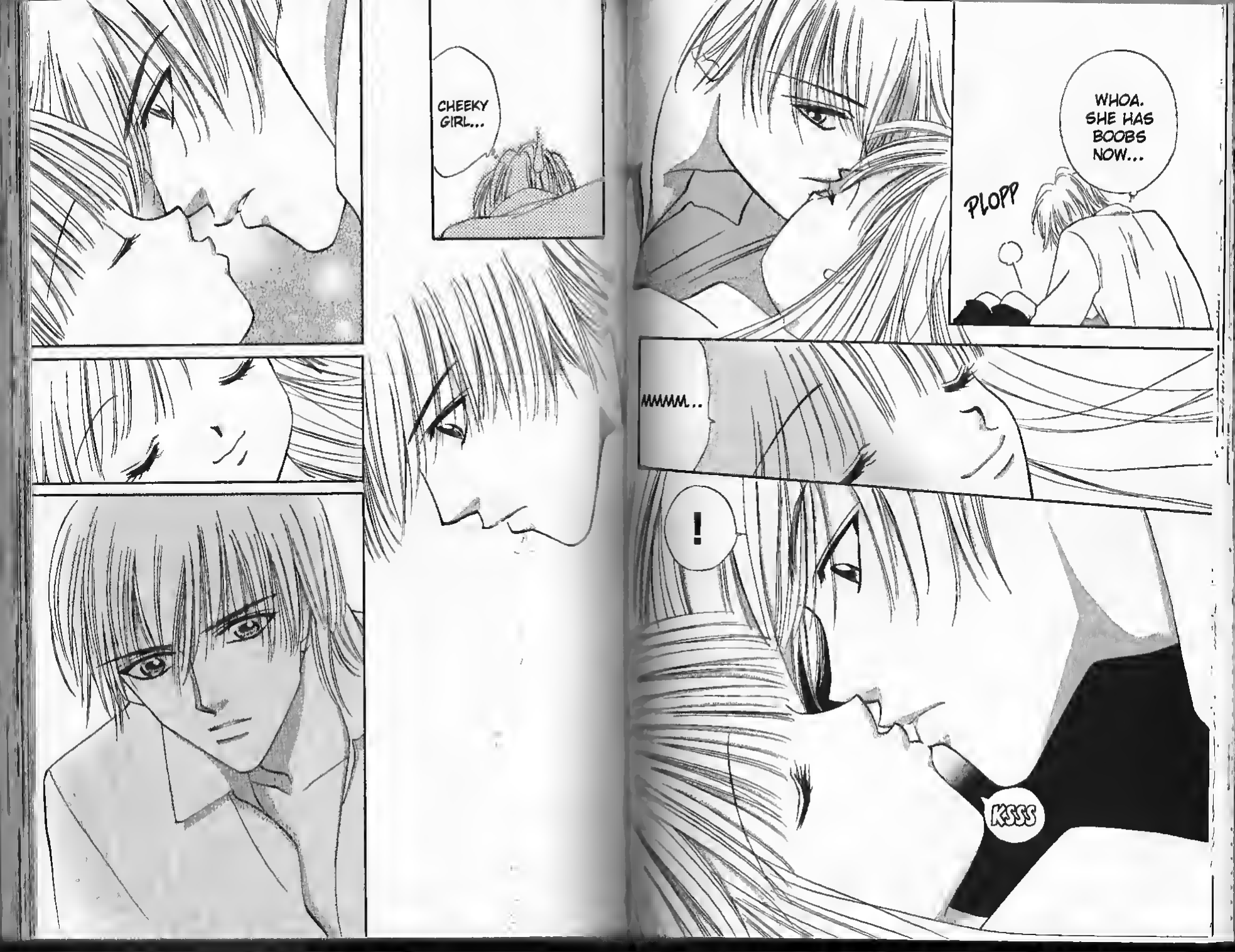
KLICK
KREEK
RATTTLE
JOURNAL
My past is so tempting.
STASH
FLIP
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
I STABBED FOUR PEOPLE TODAY.
IT'S NOT YOUR BUSINESS!
HEY!
GO FIX YOUR OWN LOVE LIFE!
QUIT ACTING LIKE MY BROTHER!
SLAMM
QUIT WORRYING ABOUT ME!

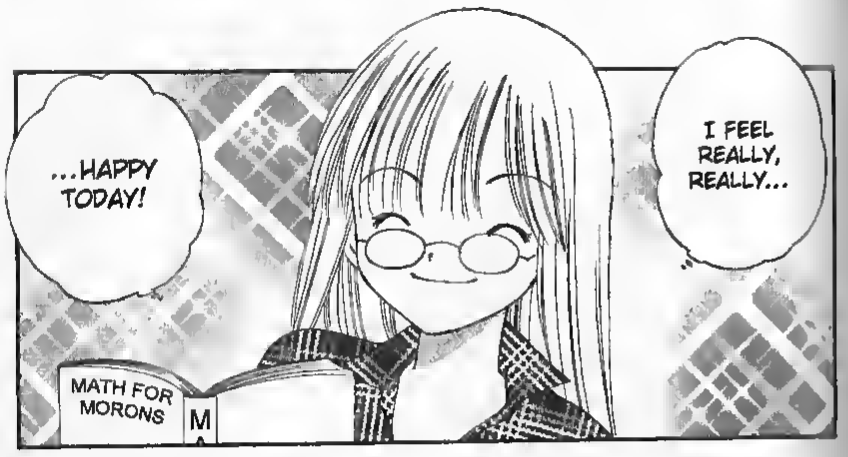
SO...

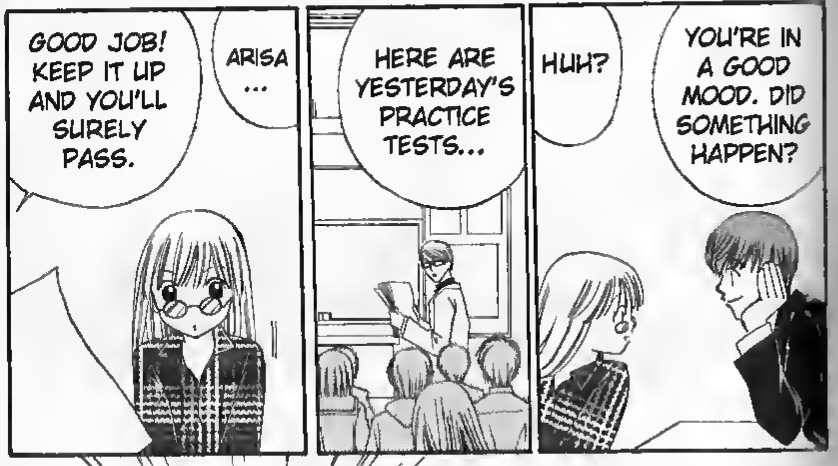
REN FINALLY KNOWS HOW I FEEL. GOOD!

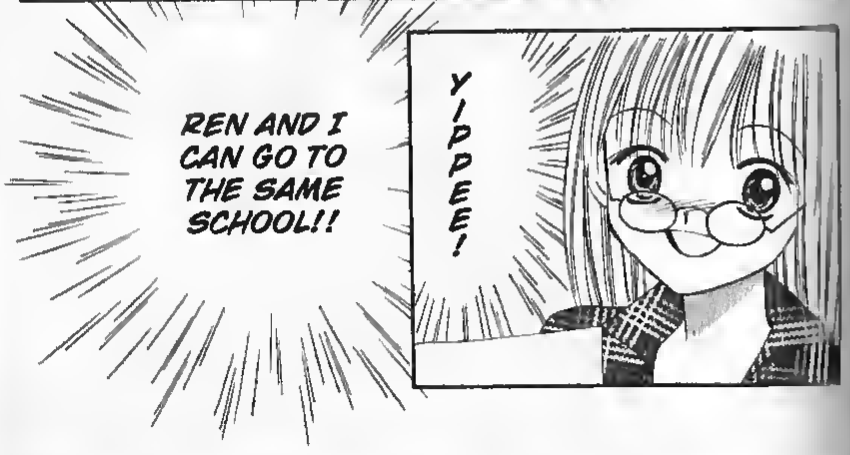
I'M LYING NOW...

BUT SOMEDAY I'LL TELL HIM THE TRUTH!

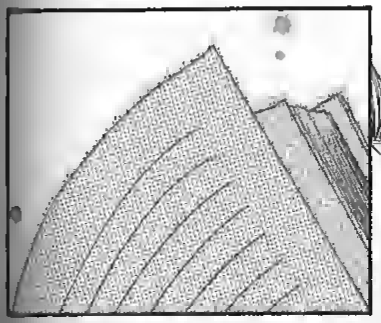

CHEEKY GIRL...
WHOA. SHE HAS BOOBS NOW...
PLOPP
MMMM...
!
KSSS

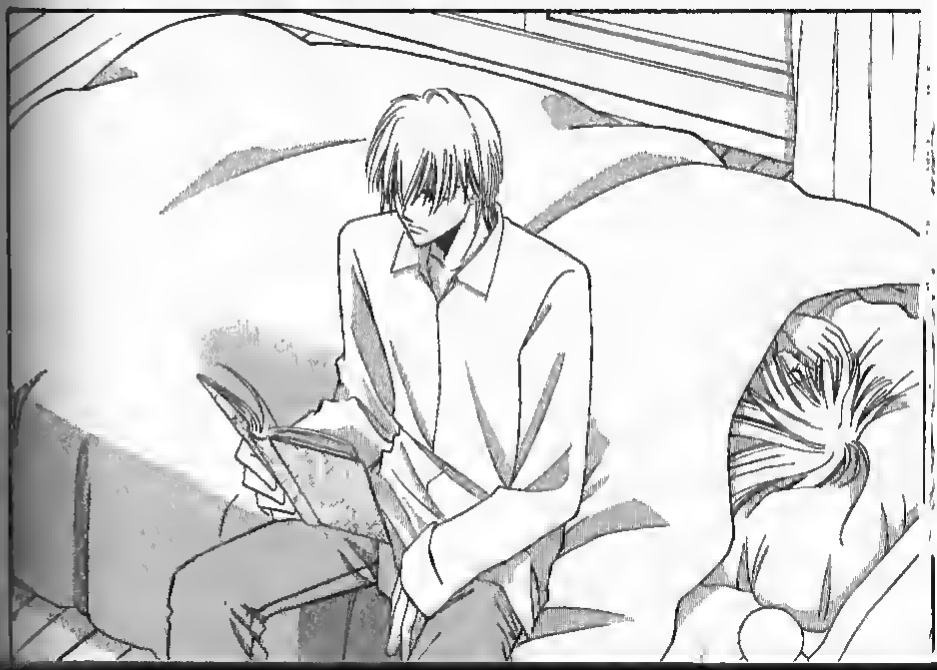

...HAPPY TODAY!
I FEEL REALLY, REALLY...
MATH FOR MORONS
M


GOOD JOB! KEEP IT UP AND YOU'LL SURELY PASS.
ARISA ...
HERE ARE YESTERDAY'S PRACTICE TESTS...
HUH?
YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?


REN AND I CAN GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL!!
YIPPEE!

Saturday, February 5
I dabbed Rue perfume today.



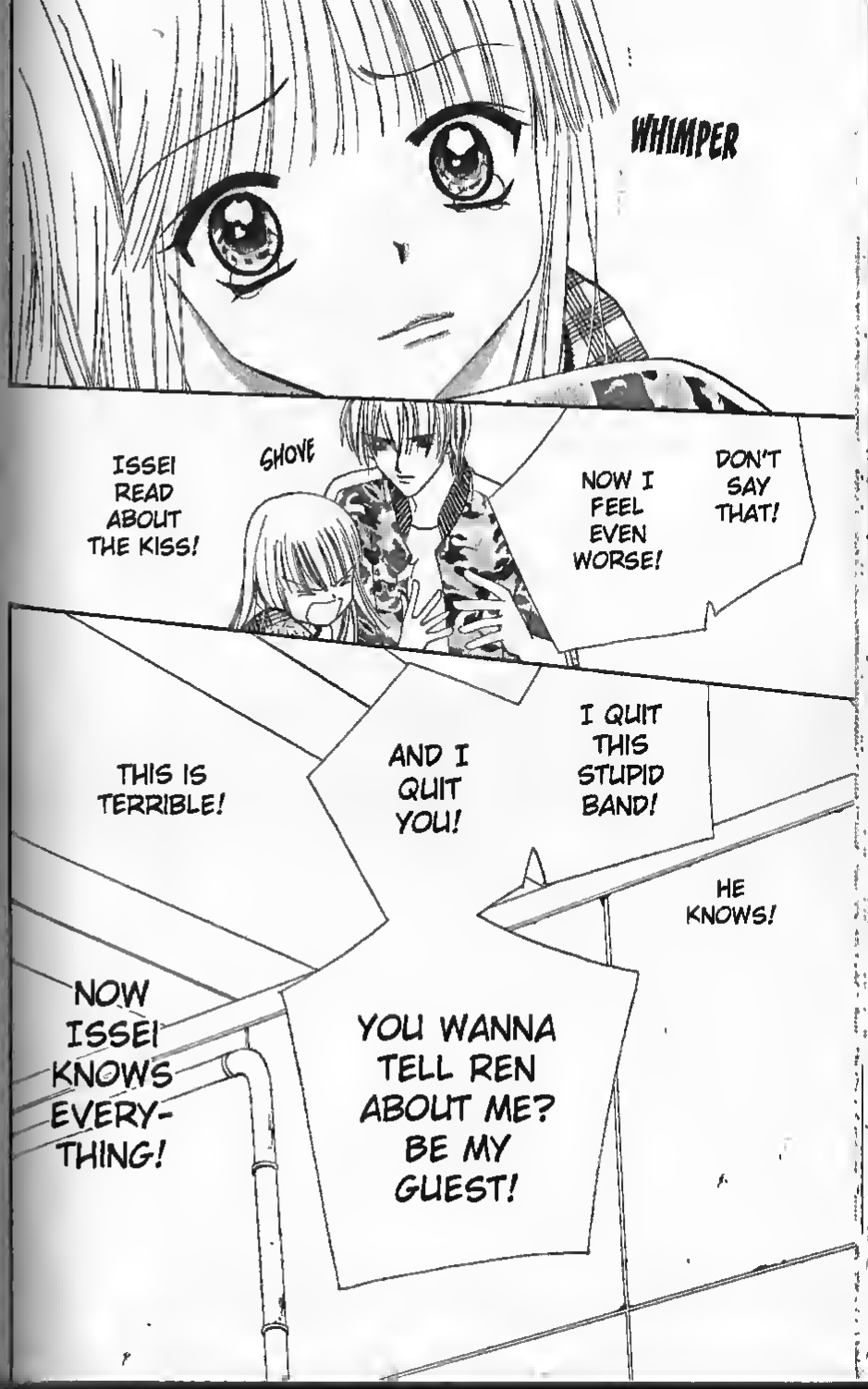


NOT THAT...
I TOTALLY ACED THE PRACTICE TEST!
I'M NOT LYING!
JUST HIDING MY PAST! REN AND I LOVE EACH OTHER!
I'M NOT LYING!
YOU'RE LYING ...
BUT REN REALLY DID HELP ME!
STILL LYING...
NO! WHY, HE HASN'T EVEN—
GASP
KISSED YOU YET. EVEN THOUGH THE MOOD WAS RIGHT...

WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
I'M HERE!
LET'S START PRACTICE!
YOU SEEM WEIRD LATELY, ISSEI...
YEAH ...
STILL AT WORK?
DON'T LIE TO ME!
DON'T, ARISA!
I OWE IT ALL TO REN.
GUESS WHAT? TEACHER SAYS I'M GONNA PASS THE EXAM!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
YOUR FIRST LOVE IS SPECIAL, JUST LIKE THEY SAY!

I READ YOUR JOURNAL.
YOU SUCK!
I HATE YOU, HATE YOU, HATE YOU!
WHIZZ
WHIZZ WHIZZ
IT WAS OPEN, ARISA!
WHY DID YOU READ MY JOURNAL?
ARISA!
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
CALM DOWN!
!!
SQUEEEZ
I...I THOUGHT I REALLY KNEW YOU.
BUT I REALLY DON'T.
I'M SORRY.

NO WAY, MAN!
YOU MADE ANOTHER CHICK QUIT?
HE READ MY JOURNAL!
I HATE YOU, ISSEI!
I WAS STARTING TO FORGET BUT YOU BROKE MY HEART AGAIN!
I'M MOVING NEAR COLLEGE IN APRIL...
SO I CAN REALLY FOCUS ON THE BAND.
ARISA? HEY!
SHOVE

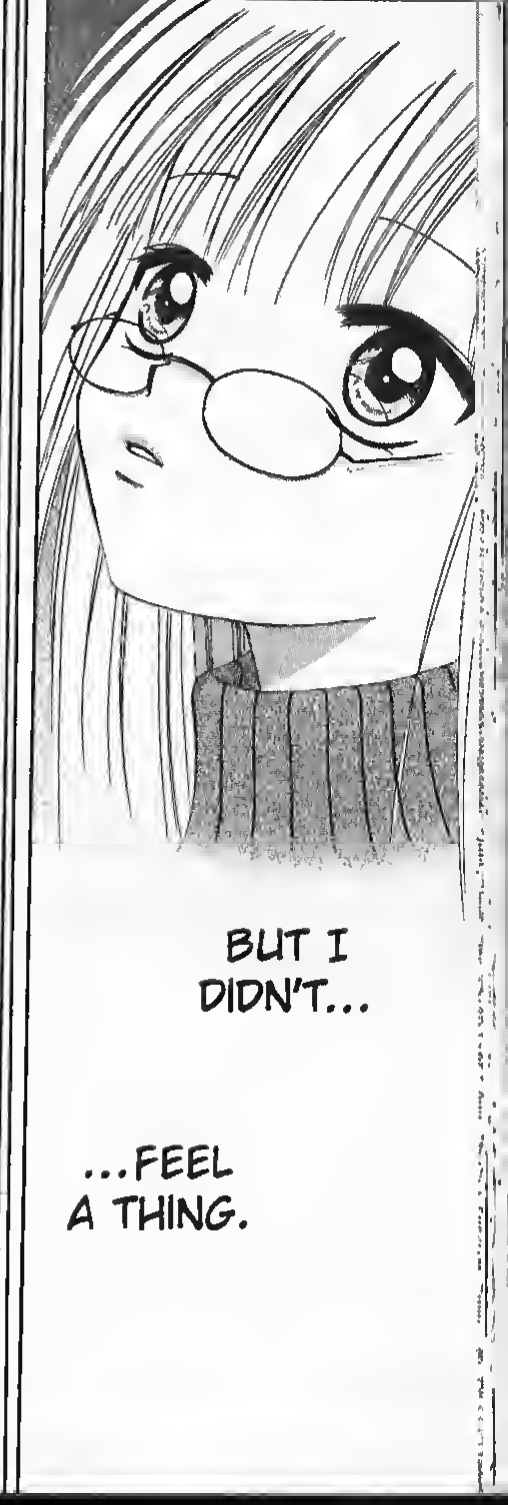

WHIMPER
ISSEI READ ABOUT THE KISS!
SHOVE
NOW I FEEL EVEN WORSE!
DON'T SAY THAT!
THIS IS TERRIBLE!
AND I QUIT YOU!
I QUIT THIS STUPID BAND!
HE KNOWS!
NOW ISSEI KNOWS EVERY-THING!
YOU WANNA TELL REN ABOUT ME? BE MY GUEST!

MUST BE EXAM NERVES...
SHE NEVER SAID A THING...
ARISA?
A GOOD LUCK CHARM FOR THE TEST.
HEH!
KSSSS

COFFEE JELLY? OR STRAWBERRY SHAKE?
MENU
YOU SAID WE NEEDED TO TALK...
WHAT'S WRONG?
Just
SIGH! COFFEE JELLY ...
STRAW-BERRY SHAKE...
MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?
MENU
GO AHEAD! WE CAN TRADE!
YOU WANT MINE, ARISA?

I DUNNO...
...
WHO'S SINGING FOR HHH NOW?
SOME GIRL SAID HE ALWAYS DOES THAT.
HE KISSES ME, THEN SAYS IT FEELS WRONG!
SHE'S THAT SINGER WHO QUIT HHH...
DAMN HIM! HE NEVER EVEN APOLOGIZED!
MY BIG EXAM...
IS HE REALLY MOVING AWAY?
GET THIS! HE'S LOOKING FOR A GIRL HE KISSED...
...IN A FRIGGIN' DREAM!

ENTRANCE EXAMS TODAY!
WHAT DO I EVEN WANT ANYMORE?
I WORKED SO HARD...
BUT I KEEP THINKING ABOUT ISSEI!
...FOR THIS DAY.


BUT I DIDN'T...
...FEEL A THING.

THANKS, FANS! G'NIGHT!
ARE YOU ALL READY, HHH?
C'MON, MAN! SING!
LIVE
OKAY. I'LL SING.
YAYYYYYYYY
AND HERE THEY ARE—HHH!
IT'S YOUR BIG BROTHER!
HEY!
WHAT'S UP, ARISA? WHY ARE WE HERE?

HOW WAS YOUR EXAM, ARISA?
DING DONG DING DONG
KISSED IN A DREAM?
TAKE YOUR SEATS, PEOPLE.
IN A DREAM!
BMP
BMP
BMP
BMP
REN!
COME WITH ME!
YANK
HUH?

SO...
I CAN'T PRETEND ANYMORE!
Puf Puf
OR LIE TO MYSELF!
ARISA?
LET ME KISS YOU ONE MORE TIME...
HUH?
GASP!
OMG!
ARISA?
No way!

ISSEI...
MY HEART ALREADY BELONGS TO YOU!
PSST
SHE DIDN'T CROAK?
She's alive?
WHAT?
YEP! OLD "ANYTHING GOES" ARISA!
PSST
UP ON STAGE?
HEY! IS THAT ARISA?

THAT KISS...
THE KISS I WAS LOOKING FOR..
...WAS FROM YOU, ARISA.
I'VE DREAMED ABOUT IT, TOO!
SORRY, BUT I HAFTA STEAL YOU AWAY FROM HIM.

KISSES HER BIG BROTHER?
SINGS IN A BAND?
HUH?
"ANYTHING GOES?"
MY HEAD'S SPINNING!
YAYYYYY
OUR SHOW WAS A HUGE HIT!
AND I BECAME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF HHH-
LIVEHOUSE

I'VE BEEN LYING TO YOU!
I AM SO SORRY, REN!
TAP TAP TAP
AHHHH
WHOOOOA
TWITCH

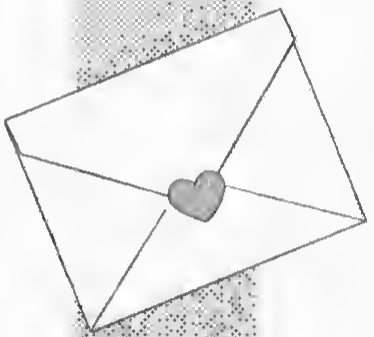
I REALLY SHOULD TELL HIM ISSEI'S NOT MY BROTHER...
WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR, UH, RELATION-SHIP...
EVERY WEEKEND HE PICKS ME UP...
I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW, AND ISSEI'S IN COLLEGE.
AND WE MAKE...
...BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER!

WELCOME TO MEIBI HIGH!!
HOWDY, NEW STUDENTS!
The gym's thataway! Straight down the hall!
FRIZZY HAIR! BUT SHE SEEMS NICE...
ARISA?
I LIKE THE REAL YOU, ARISA.
BUT IF THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE...
REN...
APRIL...
I GOT INTO A GOOD SCHOOL...
BUT WILL I MAKE ANY FRIENDS HERE?

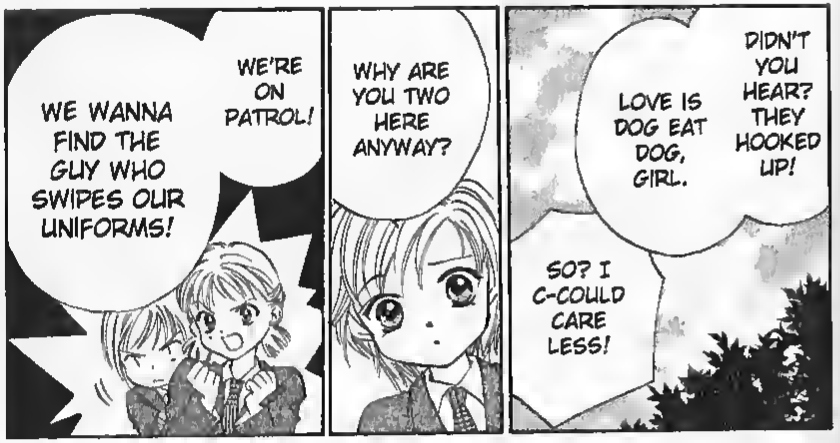
THAT'S 886 POINTS FOR YOU, HIBARI.
Long and stringy
Dirty and shaggy
BAMBOO BROOM?
Big
Little
SHUT UP, TEENY TOMBOY!
YOU SHUT UP, BAMBOO BROOM!
THERE THEY GO AGAIN!
YEAH? YOU'RE ONLY UP TO 762, SOBA!
HMPH!
ひばりテレパシー
HIBARI TELEPATHY

ひばりテレパシー
HIBARI TELEPATHY

THREE DAYS 'TIL GRADUATION AT HARUNO JUNIOR HIGH...
YEAH? WANNA FIGHT?
DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE THAT! IT'S DISRE-SPECTFUL!
C'MON! BRING IT ON, BUB!
GEE. ARE YOU REALLY A...



GROPE
GROPE
...GIRL?
SQUEEEL!
GROPE
GROPE
GROPE
YOU GET THREE POINTS FOR THAT, BUSTER!
YEP! DEFINITELY FEMALE!
BLUSH
SORA?
SCREECH
SCREECH
YOU SHOULD PRACTICE FOR THE LAST GAME.
DON'T WASTE TIME AROUND HERE, OKAY?
RIGHT, MANAGER.
STARE
WISH YOU PLAYED BASKETBALL!
THEN YOU COULD BATTLE ME AT SPORTS!
GIGGLE
WHAT THE HELL! YOU GUYS ALL SUCK!!
HEE HEE HEE HEE
WE SAW EVERY-THING!
LUCKY GIRL! THE HOTTEST GUY IN SCHOOL JUST GRABBED YOUR BOOBS! ♡
HIBARI KATAOKA, THE CHICKEN CHICK!


WE WANNA FIND THE GUY WHO SWIPES OUR UNIFORMS!
WE'RE ON PATROL!
WHY ARE YOU TWO HERE ANYWAY?
LOVE IS DOG EAT DOG, GIRL.
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? THEY HOOKED UP!
SO? I C-COULD CARE LESS!

SORA TOUCHED MY BOOBS!
GASP!
THUD

GOOD LUCK, GIRLS!
WE WILL FIND HIM!

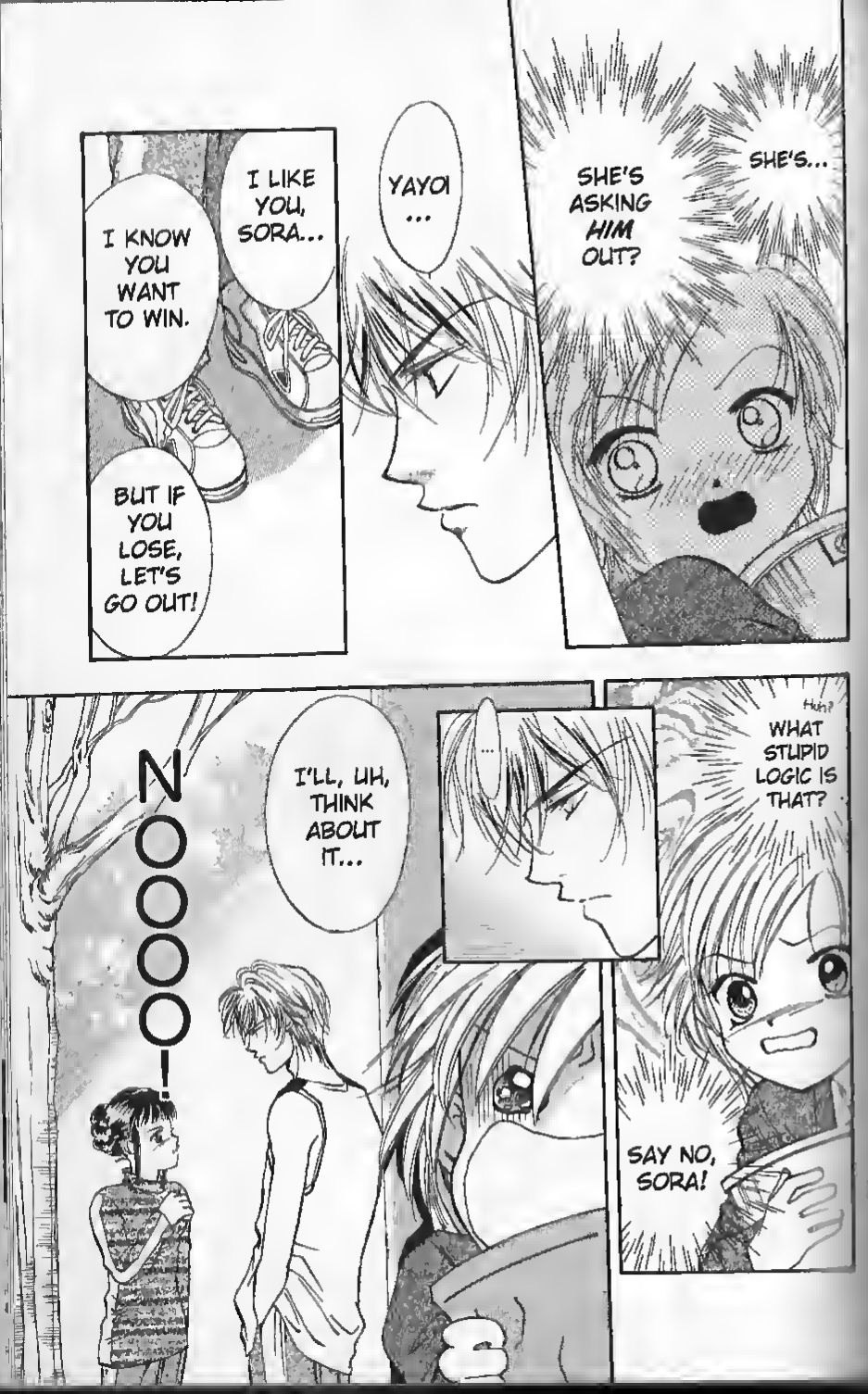
Uniform thief! Go to hell!
Whew!

KLACK

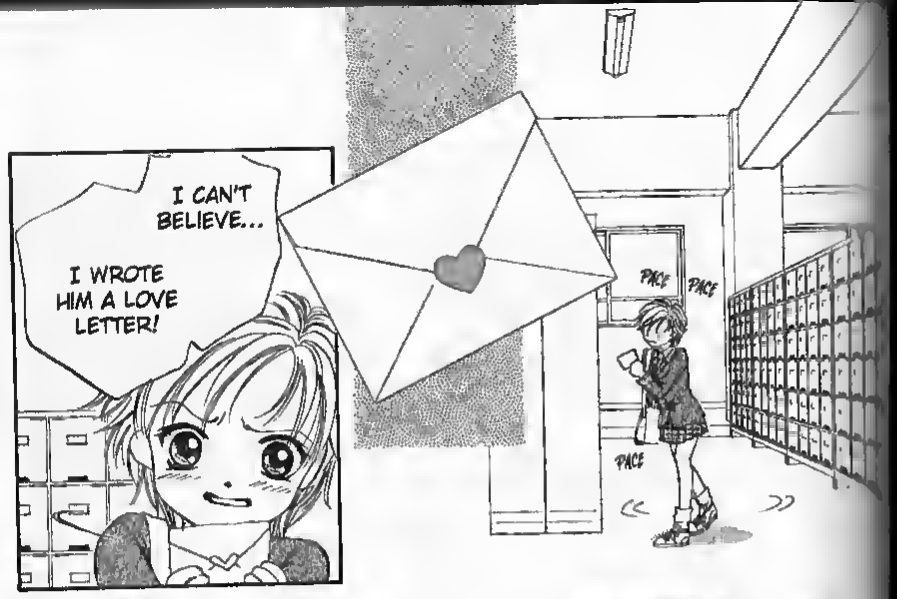
SUPERSTAR JOCK!
BASKETBALL MVP...
SORA MIGUMO, SCHOLARSHIP WINNER..

WHO?
ESPECIALLY YAYOI, THE TEAM MANAGER!
WATCH OUT! SORA'S FANS MIGHT ROUGH YOU UP!
HE'S CALLED ME 765 NASTY NAMES!
MORE LIKE ARROGANT JERK!
I'M SMALL, BUT I AIN'T LOSING!
886!
WHAT'S YOUR SCORE, HIBARI?

CLUCK!
CLUCK!
CLUCK!
CLUCK!
CLUCK!
WATCH IT, BOSS!
PEK
PEK
PEK
SWAT
OW! OWW!! OWWW!!!
OOOF!
OH, WELL...
IT'S JUST A GAME. NOTHING SERIOUS.
TOO LATE TO TELL HIM NOW...
WHAT DOES HIS HEART SAY?
HOW DOES SORA FEEL ABOUT ME?
YOU WANNA LOSE TO SEVENTH GRADERS?
FASTER, FASTER!
HEY, LITTLE CHICKEN CHICK!
...THE VERY FIRST TIME WE MET.
SORA IS SO COOL...
I STARTED LIKING HIM...
BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW, 'CUZ ALL WE DO IS FIGHT!
YOU SHOULD DRINK MORE MILK!
I'VE CHANGED SEATS.
I'VE CHANGED CLASSES.
I'M GRADU-ATING.
BUT THIS DAMN CRUSH NEVER ENDS!


I KNOW YOU WANT TO WIN.
I LIKE YOU, SORA...
BUT IF YOU LOSE, LET'S GO OUT!
YAYOI ...
SHE'S...
SHE'S ASKING HIM OUT?
NOOOO-!
I'LL, UH, THINK ABOUT IT...
...
Huh?
WHAT STUPID LOGIC IS THAT?
SAY NO, SORA!

RATTLE
HEY, YOU!
I FEED YOU EVERY DAY, AND YOU STILL HATE ME!
SHEESH! YOU GUYS ARE VICIOUS!
UH, SORA?
Aw, who cares? YOU'LL ALL BE YAKITORI SOON...
IT'S THE HAPPY COUPLE!
OOOPS!
IF YOUR TEAM LOSES, WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?


I CAN'T BELIEVE...
I WROTE HIM A LOVE LETTER!
PACE
PACE
PACE

BLP BLP BLP
WHOA!
Sora Mizuno
SHOULD I...?

GASP!
HIBARI? WHATCHA DOING?
UH-OH!

TRIPP
I THOUGHT...
BUT I THOUGHT...
DOES HE ACTUALLY LIKE HER?
WHY?
OUR FEELINGS WERE MUTUAL.
RATTLE
...HE ACTUALLY LIKED ME!
RATTLE

DON'T DATE HER SORA! PLEASE!
DAMN IT ALL!
WHAT DOES "I'LL THINK ABOUT IT" MEAN?

Ye
S!
HEE HEE HEEE
THESE LETTERS WILL BE HISTORY!
WHOOOOSH
Puf Puf
NO GARBAGE
NO ILLEGAL DUMPING
I'M SUCH A LOSER!
I CAN'T DO THIS!
SORRY, GIRLS!
DIG DIG
To Mizuno

To So
H-HI, SORA!
NO, DUMMY! WHY WOULD I?
Hey! YOU MESSIN' WITH MY MAILBOX?
HUH?
UH, SEE YA!
LOVE IS DOG EAT DOG.
I'LL HAVE EVEN MORE COMPETITION!
BUT IF I PUT 'EM BACK...
I STILL HAVE SORA'S LETTERS!

...READ HIS MIND!
ORANGES
POOFY POOF POOF
OWWWW...
OWW ...
MY FAULT FOR MESSIN' WITH HIS MAIL...
OW...

SINK
BUT I WISH I KNEW HOW HE FELT!
I'M DESPICABLE!
!!
EEEEP!
GASP!
TUMBLE
IF ONLY I COULD...
HELLLLP!

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...
HE SAID FOUR LITTLE WORDS ...
I WENT WACKO...
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME?
...AND DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

SHE'S NOT TALKING. BUT I STILL HEAR HER!
WHOA ...
GO WASH UP, HIBARI. IT'S DINNER-TIME.
I HAVE ONE WEIRD CHILD...
SCARP
Cuuuu!
HEY, MOM!
ARE YOU A VENTRILO-QUIST?
WHAT THE HECK DOES SHE MEAN?
HUH?
GEE, I'M STARVING!
PAT
MORNING, HIBARI!
THIS BUMP IS HUMONGOUS ...

I'M HOME!
THEY GOT BURIED UNDER ALL THIS JUNK!
AGGGH!
THE LETTERS!
YOU'RE LATE, HIBARI! WHERE WERE YOU?
I HAVEN'T SAID A WORD!
WHAT ?
NAGGING? I ONLY ASKED WHERE SHE WAS!
HUH ?
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL?
WE WERE WORRIED, HONEY! IT'S GETTING DARK!
It hurts my head!
SORRY, MOM. PLEASE STOP NAGGING!

Heh Heh
I WANNA WEAR YOUR PANTIES ON MY HEAD...
YUCKKKK
MUST BE PMS...
YOU OKAY, HIBARI?
TREMBLE
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP
Hey! KATAOKA?

GAAA!
HOW DID SHE KNOW?
HUH?
HUH? WHO SAID I WAS HUNGRY?
SO? GO BUY A SNACK!
WISH I WAS HOME PLAYIN' VIDEO GAMES!
BUMP
HEH HEH
NERVOUS ABOUT GRADUATION?
GRRN
MR. UMEDA...
W-WHAT THE HELL?
STAGGER
GASP!
PAT
YOU SOUND ALL JITTERY, KATAOKA!

SORA!
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL HERE?
GAAAA!
STAGGER
YOU'LL GET STEPPED ON!
DON'T SIT HERE, TEENY TOMBOY!
REACH
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
WHAT? MY HAND TOO DIRTY?

FOR SOME STRANGE REASON...
I CAN TOUCH PEOPLE AND HEAR THEIR THOUGHTS!
YEAH! SO WHAT?
DID YOU JUST THINK I HAVE PMS?
IT'S REALLY TRUE!
HOO-BOY...
I'M A MIND-READER!

QUIT POUTING, OKAY?
GRABS
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THIS CRAP!
ACT LIKE A GIRL FOR ONCE, WOULDJA?
SHE'S STILL PLAYIN' GAMES. GRADUATION'S TOMORROW!
I CAN'T TELL HER TO BE LIKE YAYOI...
WHAT? NO SNAPPY REPLY?

SQUEEZ
LITTLE TWERP?
HUH?
THAT'S 766 POINTS, SORA!
DON'T START WITH ME, HIBARI!
I DIDN'T! YOU STARTED IT!
THERE THEY GO AGAIN...
YANK!
THEN QUIT FOOLIN' AROUND!
WHAT A LITTLE TWERP!

MY DREAM LAST NIGHT SUCKED ...
WHAT'S ON TV LATER?
HIROSHI'S A STUPID JERK!
SHOULD I KISS NAOMI?
HAPPY HUSTLE HIGH FOREVER!
THIS IS OUR LAST REHEARSAL...
BUT GRADUATION'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN, TEACHER!
SO MAKE IT COUNT, PEOPLE!
Grumble
MAN, I'M BORED!
SHE DITCHED PRACTICE!
Smart girl...
Hey!
WHERE'S HIBARI?
WHY DID I READ SORA'S MIND?

HEY! HIBARI?
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
HUH?
DOES THAT MEAN YOU LIKE HER?
NOW THIS. WHAT'S WITH HER?
THE MAILBOX YESTERDAY...
I KNEW IT. HE DOES LIKE HER..

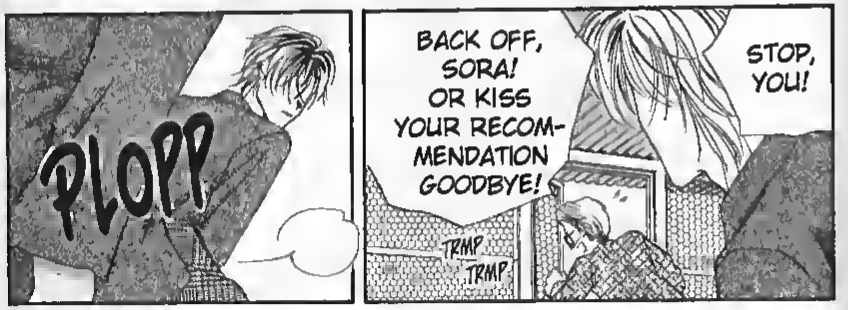
I BUMP INTO PEOPLE AND READ THEIR MINDS...
CHIPMUNK CHEEKS, UGLY HAIR...
BOYS LIKE GIRLY GIRLS.
STILL A LITTLE KID...
I'VE NEVER REALLY LOOKED AT MYSELF BEFORE.
SIGH!
WILL SORA REALLY DATE YAYOI?
RATTTLE
EEEEP!
CLUCKKKK!
WAAAAH! TOO LATE NOW!
TOMORROW'S GRADUATION!
SOB!
WHY, YOU'RE NOT VICIOUS...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY QUITE ROMANTIC!
BLUGH!
PEKK
PEKK
I LIKE YOU! CLUCK!
I LIKE YOU! CLUCK!
PEKK
FLUTTER
KIK KIK
HUH??
You have feelings for me?
CLUCKITY-CLUCK!
WILL YOU BEAR MY CHICKS? CLUCK!

DOES SHE KNOW I'M THE UNIFORM THIEF?
EEEEP!
WHAT ?
MR. UMEDA STEALS OUR UNIFORMS?
HE CAN'T BE!
NO WAY!
WHY DO YOU KEEP SCREAMING AT ME?
KATAOKA!

UH-OH!
HI, MR. UMEDA...
HIBARI? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
KLICK
WHY IS SHE GAPING LIKE THAT?
THEN GO SEE THE NURSE.
SLAMM
I'M NOT, UH, FEELING SO GOOD.
PAT

WHATCHA DOING, MAN??

MIGUMO CAN TAKE YOU TO THE NURSE!
P-PERFECT TIMING!
M-MIGUMO ?
SORA !


PLOPP
BACK OFF, SORA! OR KISS YOUR RECOM-MENDATION GOODBYE!
TRMP TRMP
STOP, YOU!

GASP!
LET'S DISCUSS THIS... ALONE.
EEEEP!
ICKKK!

EEEEEEK!
YANKK
HELP, SOME-BODY!!

WHY IS SHE STARING LIKE THAT?
YOU SHOULDA KICKED HIS ASS, HIBARI!
HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME?
GRABB
HUH ?
WHAT THE—?
IT'S NOT FUNNY! I WAS WORRIED ABOUT—
I THINK HE'S EMBARRASSED!
GIGGLE
WHATEVER! YOU SHOULD THANK ME, HIBARI!
I MEAN, YOU WERE ACTIN' WEIRD, AND, AND...
GASP!

WHEW ...
WHAT HAPPENED?
DID HE GET GRABBY WITH YOU?
IF HE DID, HE'S DEAD!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SCREAM?
HOPE SHE'S OKAY!
DROPP

PLEASE LET ME BE NORMAL AGAIN!
C'MON.
TUGG
FIRST YOU LAUGH! THEN YOU CRY!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON, HIBARI?
YESTERDAY, I...
...THREW ALL YOUR LOVE LETTERS AWAY.
MY BAD KARMA BOUNCED RIGHT BACK AT ME.
I'M SO SORRY...
HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME!
I CAN ACTUALLY FEEL IT!
WE'RE ACTUALLY GOOD FRIENDS!
HE WORRIES ABOUT ME!
HE DOESN'T HATE ME!
HEY, NOW! DON'T CRY...

LET'S GO TO THE DUMP.
THIS IS DANGEROUS. GO SIT SOMEWHERE.
IT WAS RIGHT AROUND HERE...
RATTLE

SORRY. I WENT WAY TOO FAR...
WHY DID YOU DO THIS, HIBARI?
LET ME PAY YOU BACK! WANNA MEET A GIRL? I CAN HELP!
I CAN'T TELL HIM ABOUT MY LETTER NOW...
HE MUST MEAN YAYOI...
NO, THANKS. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THE SCORE NOW?

OUR LAST TIME TOGETHER, ALONE...
NO...
NEVER MIND...

HERE THEY ARE!
THAT ONE'S MINE!
GASP!
From Hibari
WHOA! LOTS OF LETTERS HERE!
REALLY?

HEH. WE'VE KEPT SCORE FOREVER.
I'M AT 886. YOU'RE AT 766, I THINK.

SHOULD I TELL HIM THE TRUTH?
WE ARE GRADUATING TOMORROW...
GIGGLE! I KNOW!
OUR LITTLE GAME...
...HAS BEEN FUN!
SORA...

OWW...
OWWEE...
POOFY
POOF
POOF

HEY, WHAT?
HEY!
IS MY HEAD CRACKED OPEN?
H-HEY, YOU OKAY?
GRASP
NOPE. JUST A BUMP.

FLUTTER

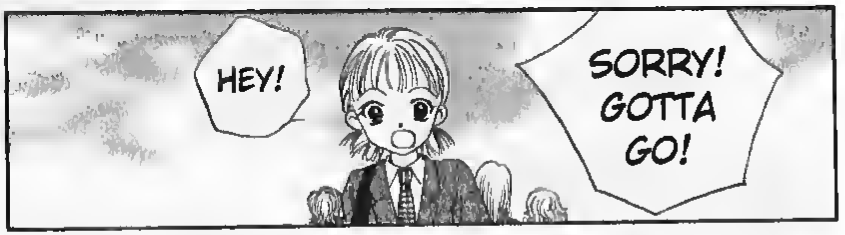
COME BACK!
AGGGH!
MY FOOT'S STUCK!
HIBARI!
THUNK

OH, YEAH...
OKAY, SORA!
COME TO THE GAME TOMORROW, OKAY?
GOOD BYE, SORA.
THERE GOES MY LOVE...
FLYING AWAY LIKE MY LETTER...

I KNOW YOU HIT YOUR HEAD, BUT...
TOTAL SILENCE
YOU CRAZY ?
THINK SOME-THING, OKAY?
SAY WHAT?
ARE YOU THINKING RIGHT NOW?
I CAN'T HEAR ANY-THING!
NOTHING...
BRSH BRSH
YOU ARE ONE WEIRD CHICK.
SEE YA LATER, HIBARI!
I'M BACK TO NORMAL!

HOW 'BOUT YOU, HIBARI?
RAMEN!
ME WANT PASTA!
SWEET BEAN CAKE!

WAY TOO PAINFUL...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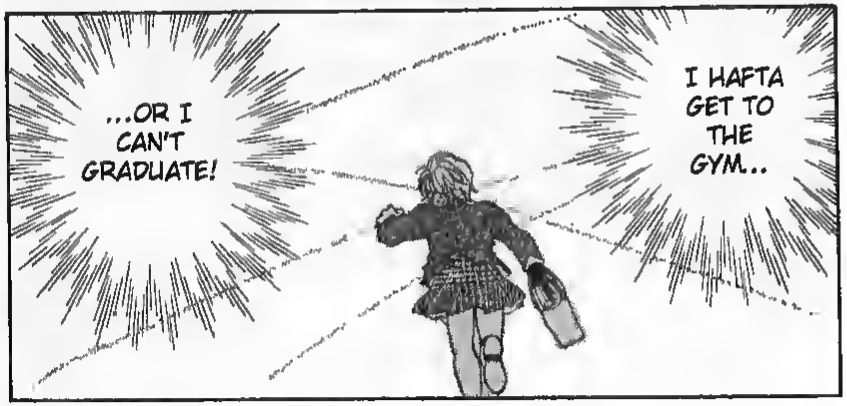
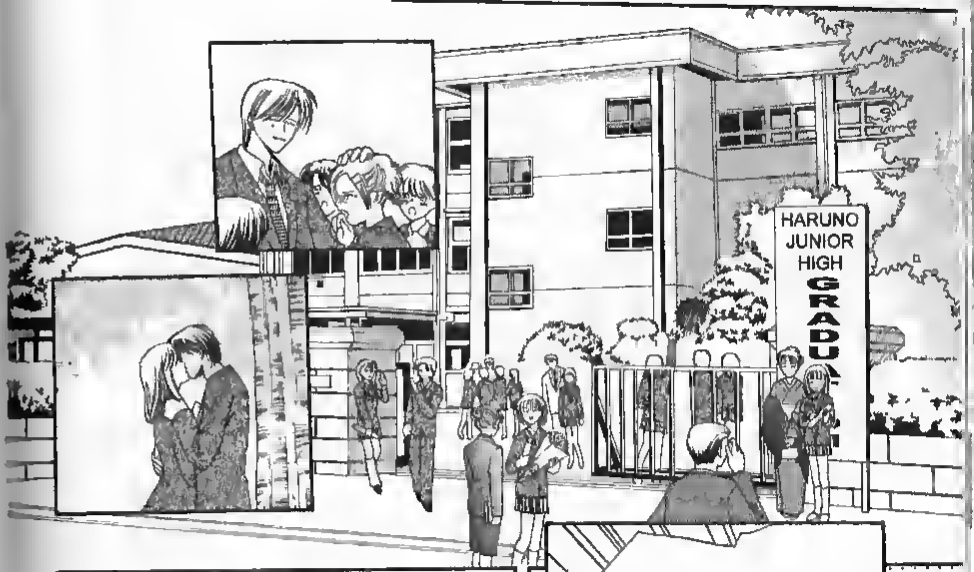
SORRY! GOTTA GO!


...OR I CAN'T GRADUATE!
I HAFTA GET TO THE GYM...


HARUNO JUNIOR HIGH
GRADUATE

BUT THAT BOSS CHICKEN IS REALLY SCARY!
TAKE REAL GOOD CARE OF THEM, OKAY?

S-SURE...
HIBARI! WANNA GRAB A BITE? ♡

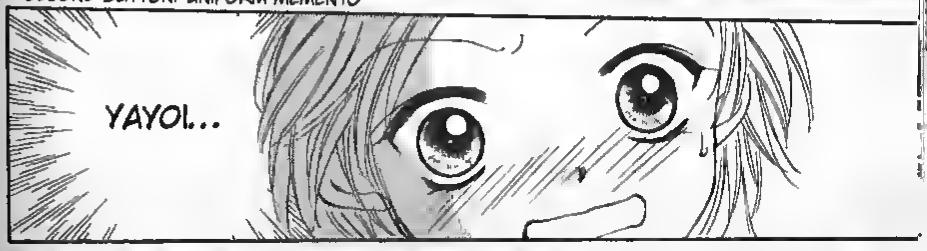
THEY CAUGHT THE UNIFORM THIEF!
DIDJA HEAR?
MR. UMEDA, THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR!
SOME KID FOUND OUR UNIFORMS IN HIS TRUNK!
SERIOUSLY?

PASS! PASS!
SHREEEK SQUEEEL
Puf
Puf
KEEP THAT BALL!
GRADUATES VS. UNDERCLASSMEN
115
18
UH-OH!
IS SORA LOSING?
WHAT'S WITH THE GRADUATES?
UNBELIEVABLE!
BUT HE STILL LOOKS DESPERATE!
NO! HE'S KILLIN' THEM!
C'MON! FIVE MORE POINTS!
Crap!
I KNOW IT'S YOUR LAST GAME...
BUT THIS STOPS RIGHT HERE!
THUD
THUD
TAKE PITY ON THE LITTLE GUYS!
YOU GOT 115 POINTS ALREADY!
You're graduating, Migumo! Remember?

GRADUATE
BUT...
WHY DOES HE NEED TWO MORE POINTS?
118
TWO MORE...
120 POINTS ?
HE WANTS TO WIN BY 120 POINTS...
...FOR SOME STRANGE REASON.
NO WONDER HE TOLD ME TO WATCH!
HE'S SO INTENSE!
HE'S AMAZING...

THREE POINTS!
SQUEEK
SWWISH!
7
ONE MINUTE REMAINING!
AYYYY
ONE MORE SHOT...
TWO MORE POINTS...

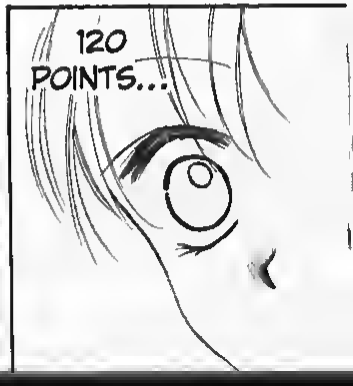
*SECOND BUTTON: UNIFORM MEMENTO

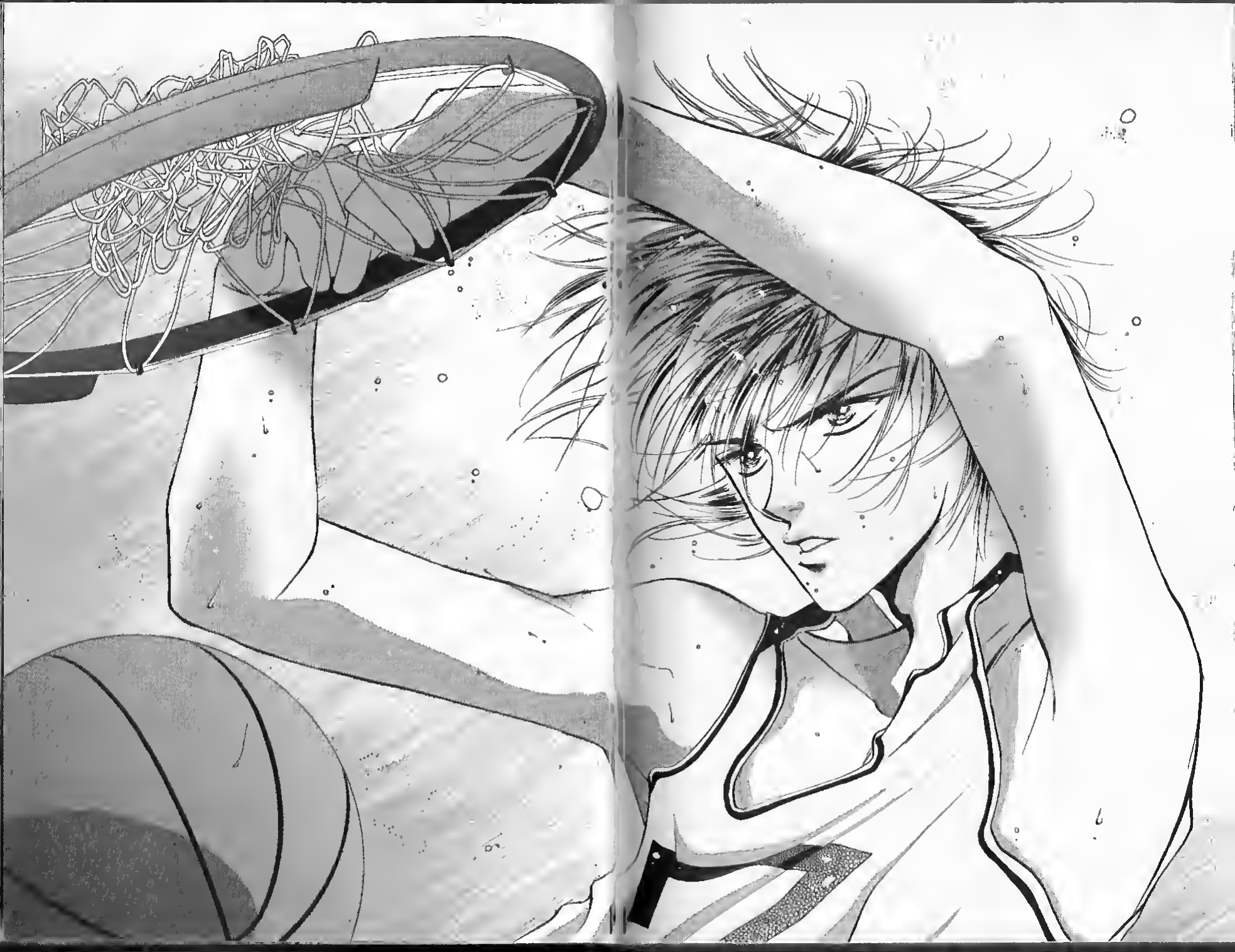


WAIT...

120 POINTS...

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

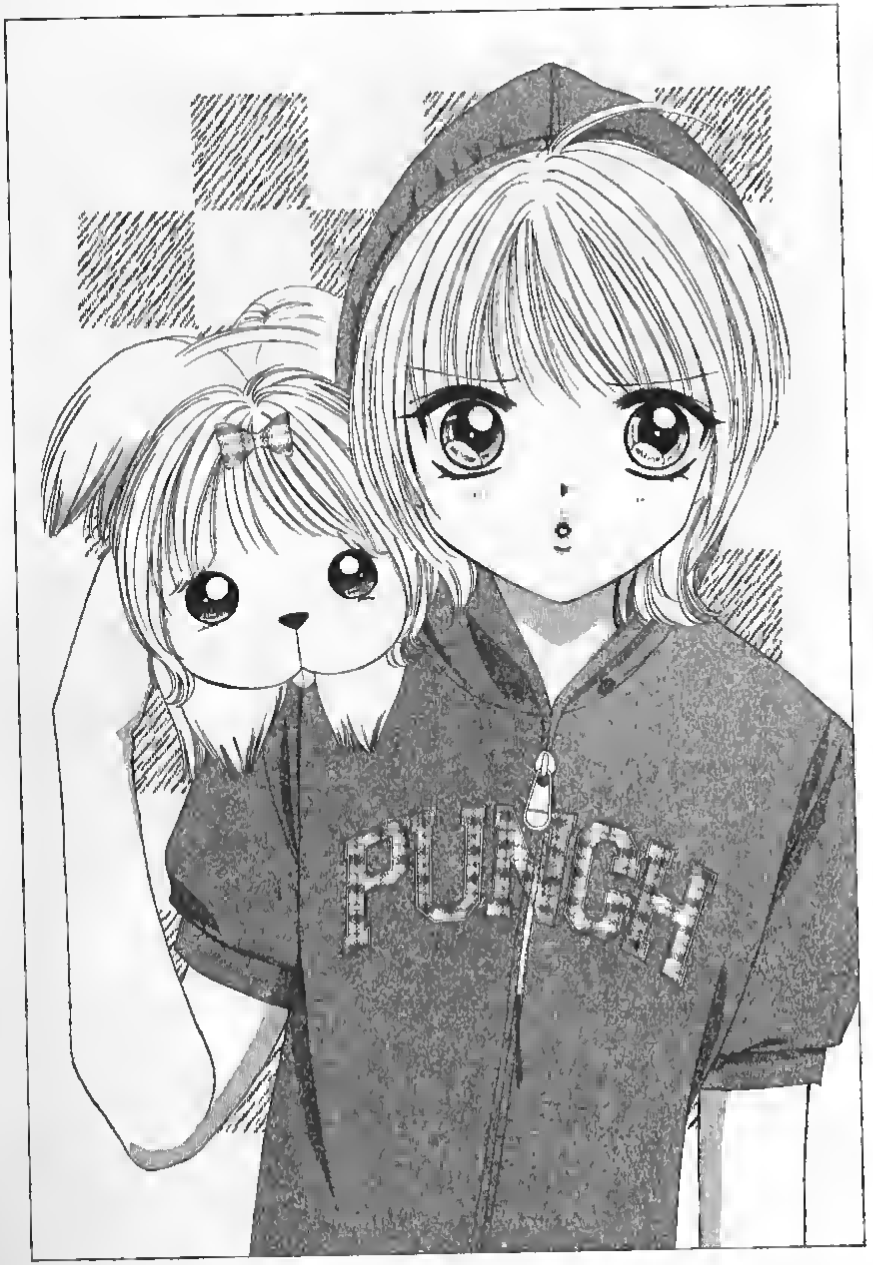




I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU, TOO.
I COULDN'T READ HIS MIND. BUT I DID FEEL HIS FEELINGS...
WHOA!
I THINK...
WHAT A SHOW OFF...
HE LIKES ME!
YESSSSS!

I STILL DON'T GET THE MIND-READING THING...
BUT...
THIS IS THE FLASH REPORT!
BROAD-CASTING LIVE, FROM THE CITY DUMP!
NO WAY!
AFRAID OF ME, HUH?
EVEN LOVE LETTERS!
TO MIGUMO FROM HIBARI. HOW SWEET!
NO !!!!!
CLUCK! CLUCK!
Hibari's new pet
DOES POISONOUS GAS LEAK FROM THIS SITE?
INNOCENT GARBAGE— OR TOXIC WASTE???
AND HOW DOES THIS GAS AFFECT PEOPLE?
So much junk here...
IT'S THE DUMP!
HEY!

YEAH...
BUT I'M NOT GIRLY! I'M STILL A KID!
SORA, I...I...
I KNOW, HIBARI...
WELL, TEENY TOMBOY.
YOU GOT ME TO 'FESS UP.
BUT I'LL MAKE YOU A WOMAN.
...WAS AWESOME!
MY GRADUATION...



Punch!

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I've met a lot af people while warking an this camic. I even made a pramise with a beautiful ring doctor friend af mine ta fight in the ring...(laugh). The day I fight under the ring name Pansy Takada will came... maybe (ha ha ha).